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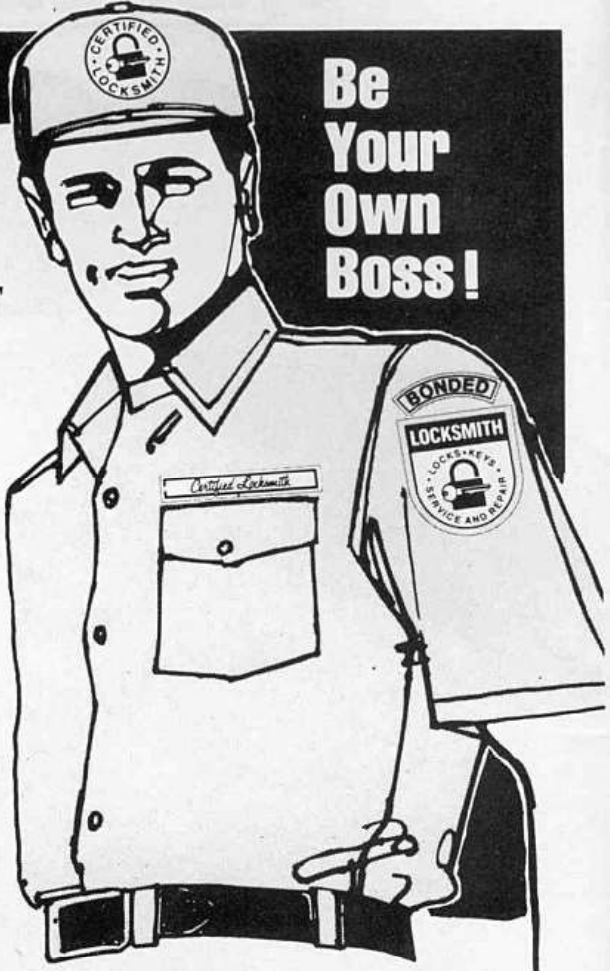

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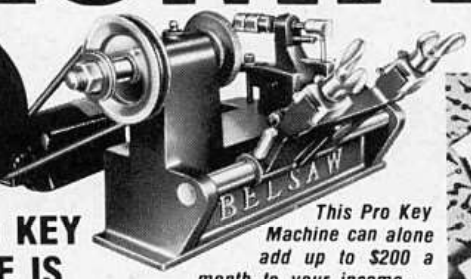

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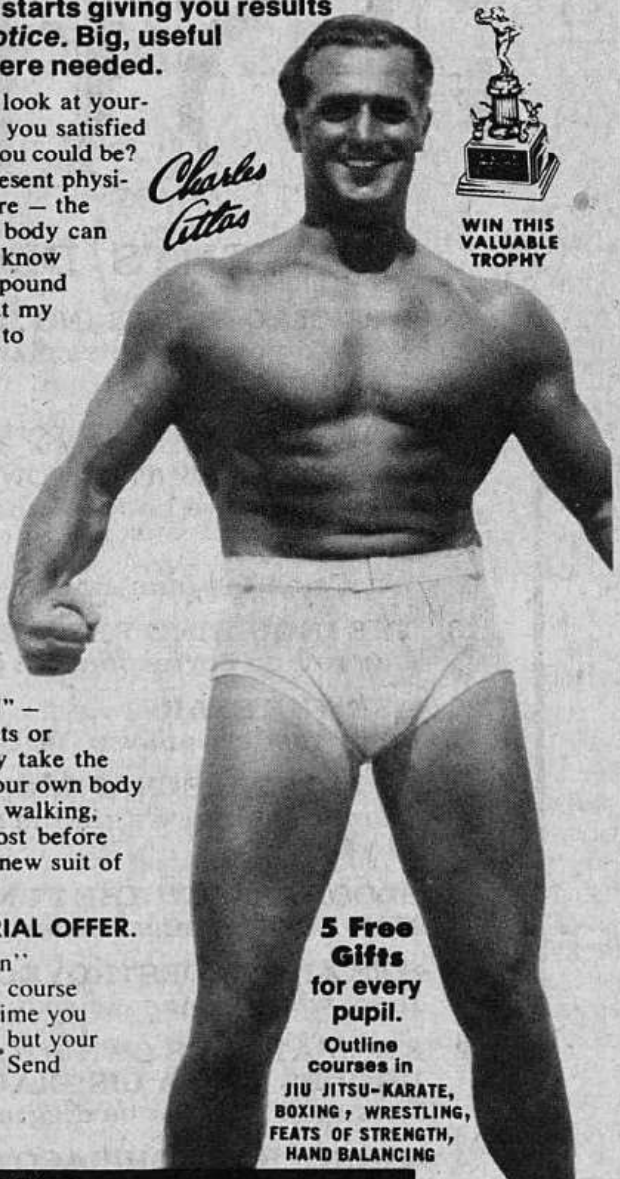

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2—GREG VALENTINE
3—KING KONG MOSCA
4—SGT. SLAUGHTER
5—PEDRO MORALES
6—KILLER KHAN
7—PAT PATTERSON
8—RICK MARTEL
9—ROBERTO SOTO
10—EL CANEK

AMERICAN WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

Champion: NICK BOCKWINKEL
1—CRUSHER
2—TITO SANTANA
3—CRUSHER BLACKWELL
4—HULK HOGAN
5—SHEIK ADNAN AL-KAISSIE
6—BARON VON RASCHKE
7—JERRY LAWLER
8—GINO HERNANDEZ
9—GREG GAGNE
10—JIM BRUNZELL

MOST POPULAR

1—ANDRE THE GIANT
2—DUSTY RHODES
3—BRUNO SAMMARTINO
4—BOB BACKLUND
5—TOMMY RICH
6—MIL MASCARAS
7—RIC FLAIR
8—MR. WRESTLING II
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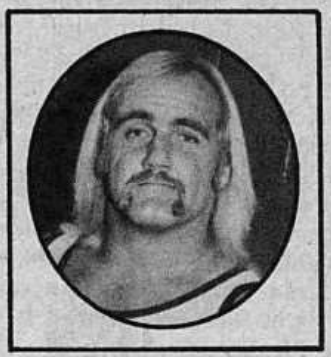

HULK HOGAN

MIL MASCARAS

NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

Champion: DUSTY RHODES
1—WAHOO McDANIEL
2—TOMMY RICH
3—IVAN KOLOFF
4—CHARLIE COOK
5—RIC FLAIR
6—HARLEY RACE
7—PETER MAIVIA
8—JOHN STUDD
9—DORY FUNK JR.
10—LES THORNTON

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2—TONY GAREA & RICK MARTEL
3—GREG GAGNE & JIM BRUNZELL
4—THE ASSASSINS
5—JIMMY SNUKA & TERRY GORDY
6—IVAN KOLOFF & CHRIS MARKOFF
7—MR. FUJI & MR. SAITO
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9—TULLY BLANCHARD & GINO HERNANDEZ
10—MASSA FUCHI & MR. ONEIDA

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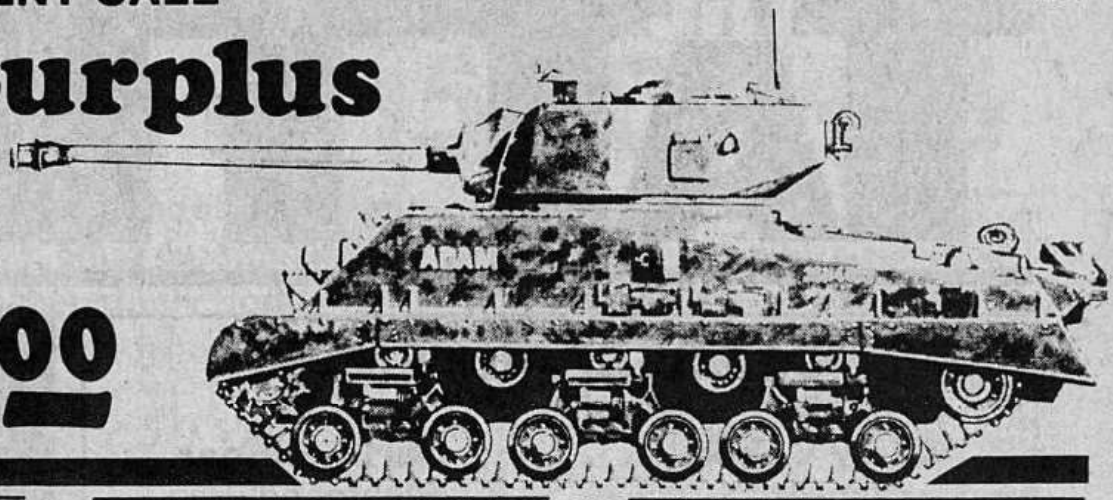

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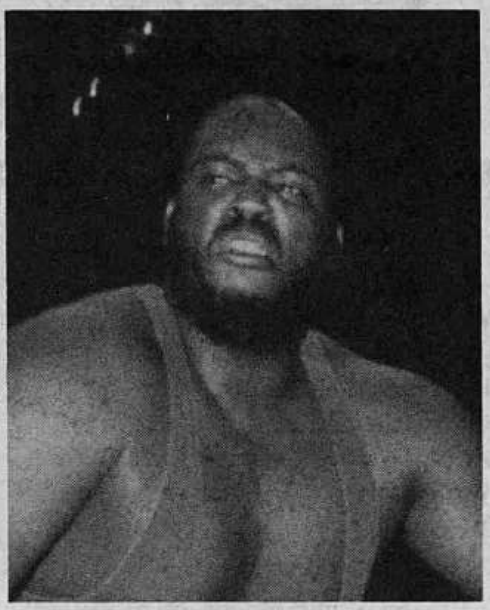

LEROY BROWN

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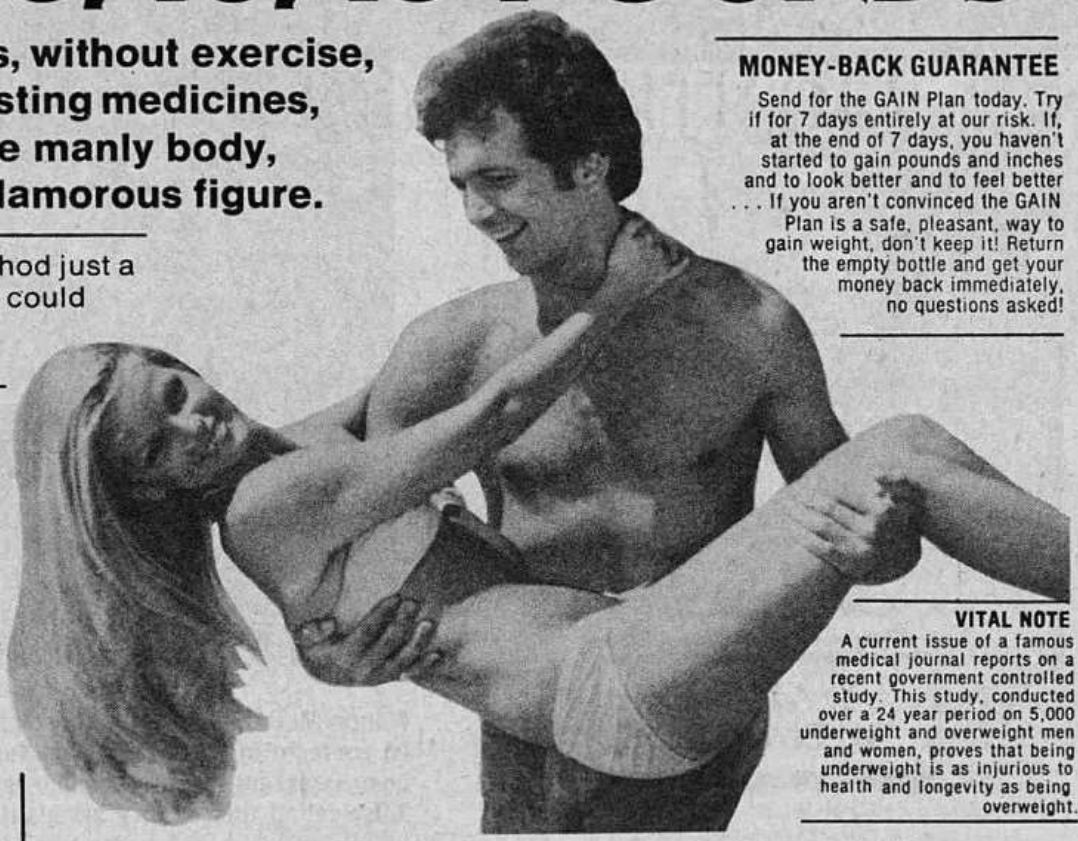

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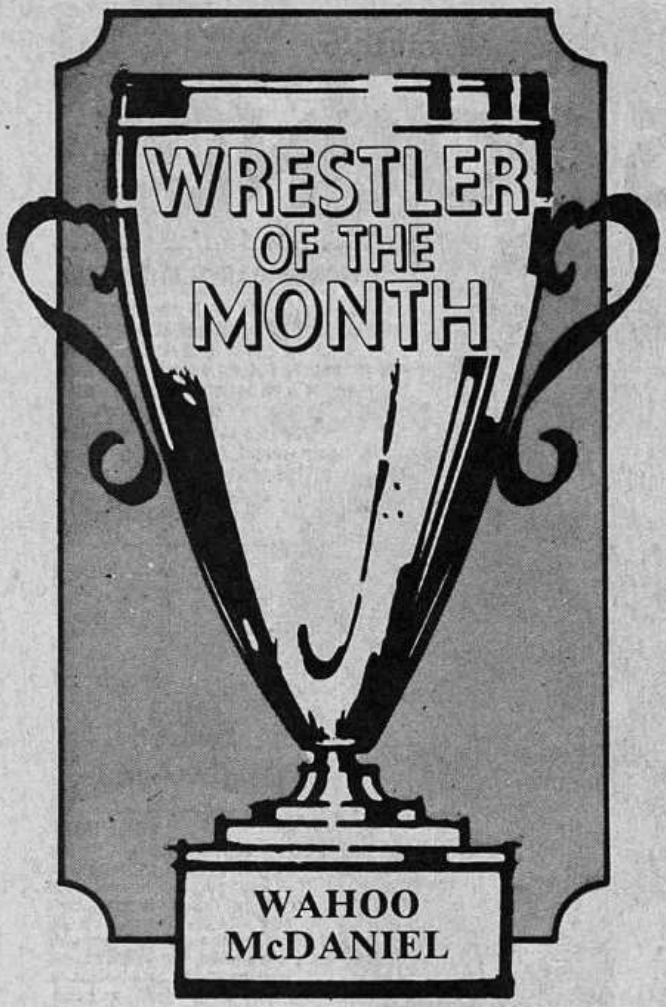
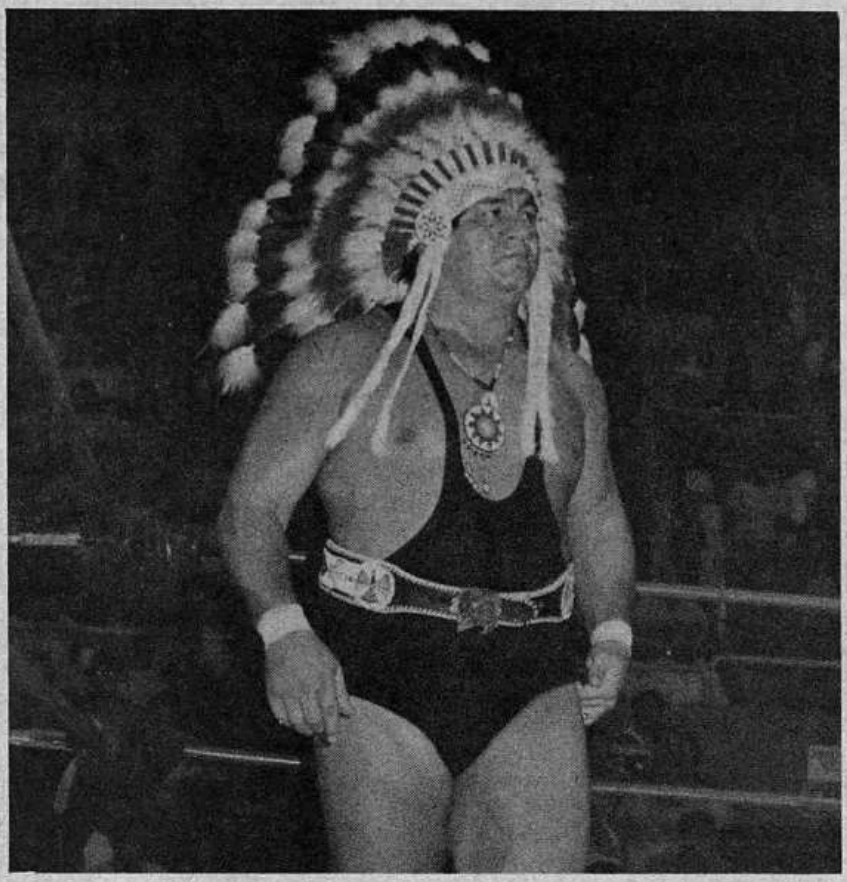


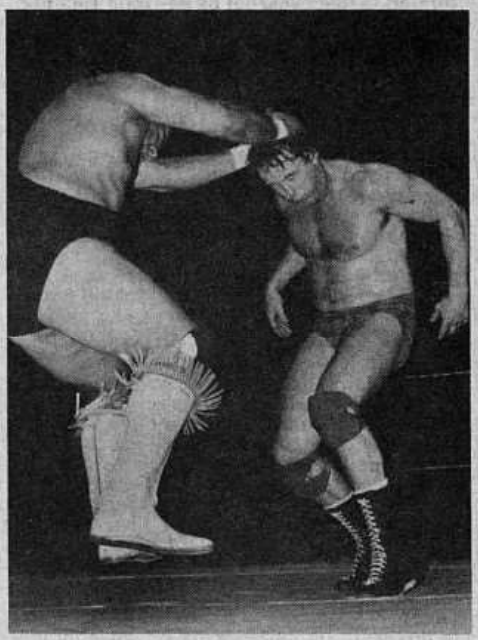


Wahoo McDaniel stuns Roddy Piper with a double tomahawk chop (below) en route to his sensational victory for the U.S. title. McDaniel, who has been wrestling full-time since leaving professional football in the mid-'60s, called this victory his greatest thrill.

THERE ARE TIMES when his opponent simply has no idea what is going on. There's a blur of motion, a flurry of feathers from his headdress, and a blood-curdling war whoop that sends chills down the spine. Wahoo McDaniel has entered the ring, and anyone else who happens to be there had better watch out.

It was Roddy Piper not too long ago who found himself in the ring against McDaniel, and Piper simply wasn't at the top of his form that evening. Or maybe McDaniel was too good that evening. Whatever the case, Wahoo McDaniel captured Roddy Piper's U.S. title, and it is for this admirable feat that we, the editors of *Sports Review Wrestling,* bestow upon McDaniel the honor of "Wrestler of the Month."

"I'd like to thank everyone for this award," said McDaniel when informed about the selection. "It's quite an honor, of course, and it



makes my victory over Roddy Piper that much sweeter."

McDaniel's victory took place in Greensboro, North Carolina, a city which has, of course, left its mark on Wahoo.

"I love Greensboro," said Wahoo, "and the fans down there in the Carolinas are terrific. Naturally, I think a lot more of Greensboro now!

"My victory over Piper there was wonderful," recalled McDaniel. "It was a hard match, but I was pretty confident all the way through. I was certain a couple of minutes after the opening bell sounded that I had something going. I knew that I was wrestling at the peak of my form. My only worry was that Piper would get sneaky and try to disqualify himself and prevent a title change. Fortunately, he must have been a little too confident, and felt that if he wrestled fairly he could beat me. Too bad, Roddy, you were wrong!"

Wahoo McDaniel's early athletic career encompassed a stint as a professional football player for the Denver Broncos and later, the New York Jets. At the time he was with the Jets, *Sport* magazine called the popular linebacker "an overnight sensation." During the

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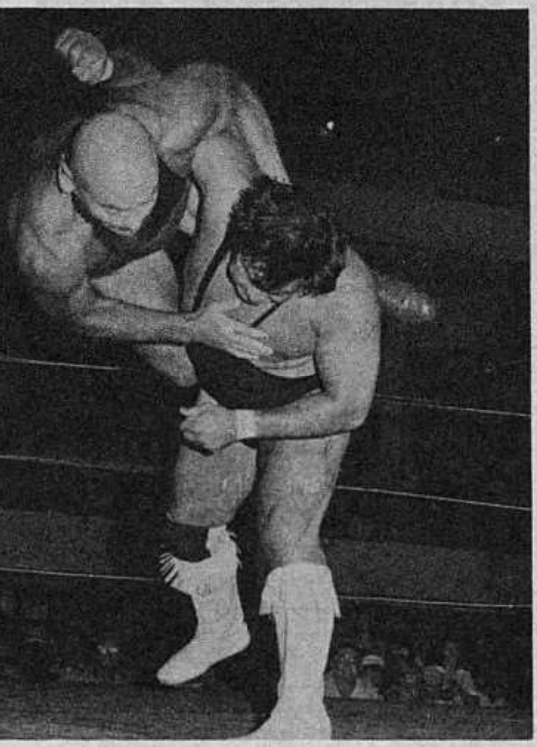
early days of the Jets, McDaniel was a bona fide superstar.

"Those were great days," remembers McDaniel, "and I had a lot of fun. Football was good to me, but I was also interested in wrestling. There came a time where I had to make a decision between the two."

Wahoo's wrestling debut came in early 1965 against Boris Malenko, a match which



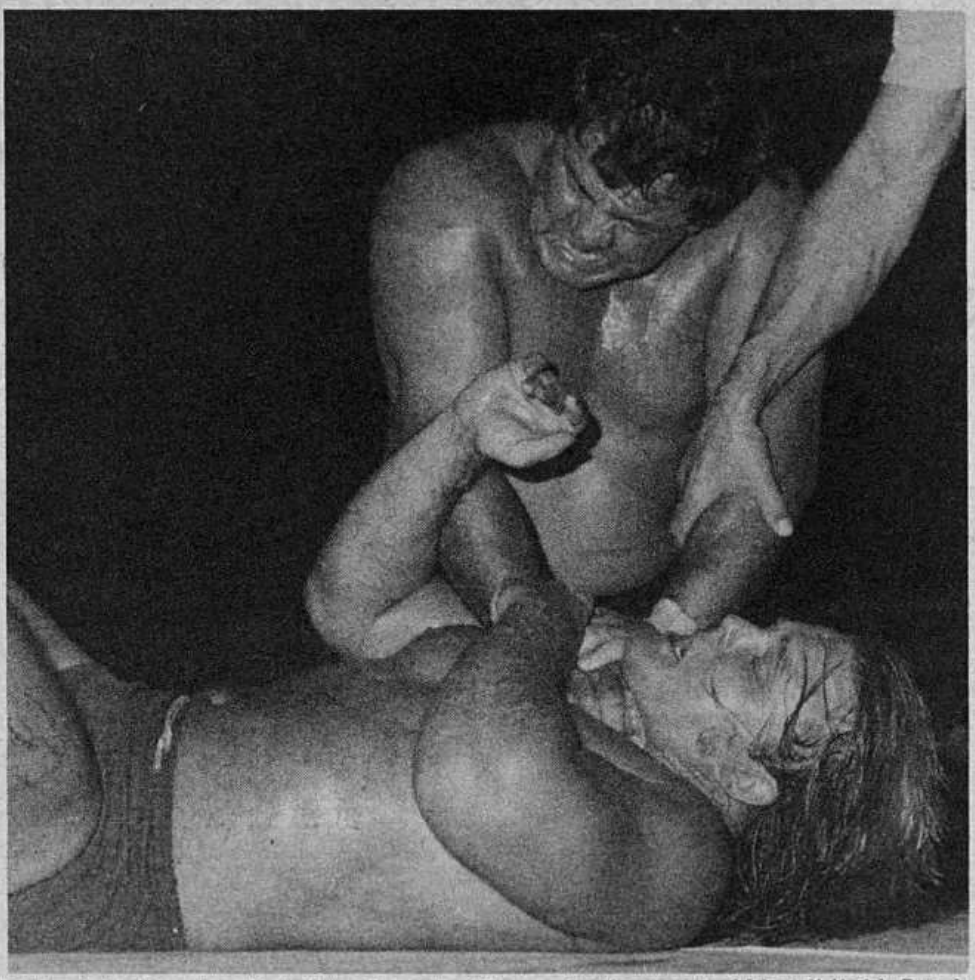
McDaniel finished off in 6:32 with a tomahawk chop.

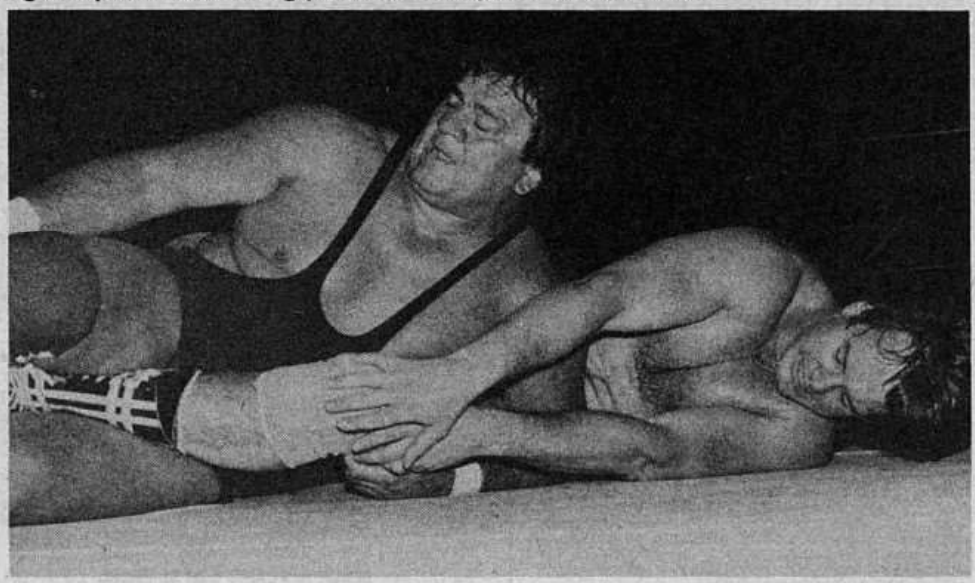
"For a while," said McDaniel, "I was playing football and wrestling at the same time. Those were tough days. You know about people who hold down two jobs? Well, what about two athletic jobs like that? It's not easy, you know. So, like I said, I reached a point where I just had to make a choice. Obviously, I chose wrestling."

Indeed, the rest is history, as Wahoo McDaniel has wrestled his way into both the record books and the hearts of millions of wrestling fans all over the world.

"I love this sport," McDaniel told *Sports Review Wrestling*, "and I've always done my best to keep things fair and honorable as far as my own hand in this competition goes. There are too many wrestlers around today who are too willing to abuse the grand traditions that this fine arena of competition has built up over the years . . . indeed, over the centuries."

Wahoo McDaniel: gentleman, honorable opponent, a true legend, and superstar among wrestling fans everywhere. Wahoo McDaniel: this issue's "Wrestler of the Month." □





McDaniel brings Ivan Koloff to the mat with a perfectly executed hiproll (left). Rarely is Wahoo angered to the point that he is against Greg Valentine (above). The Chief's leglock puts excruciating pressure on Piper's knee (below).

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Tommy Rich, September's "Wrestler of the Month," has proven himself to be the people's champion," writes Sandra Bivens.

Tommy is the kind of man that fights for what is right, as well as admit when he is wrong. I have followed Tommy since he first started in wrestling and never once gave up on him. I knew in the end Tommy would prove to be a people's champion.

After reading all the articles that said he was finished as a wrestler, it made me really happy to see him prove everybody wrong. Tommy has put his past behind him and is looking toward the future. I think we should all do the same. So keep up the good work, Tommy. We all love you.

SANDRA BIVENS
Summerville, SC

GOOD SELECTIONS

I was glad to see Tommy "Wildfire" Rich named "Wrestler of the Month" in the September 1981 issue. I feel he deserves this honor above all other wrestlers. Despite losing the NWA title, he has shown the people all over that he is really a champion.

I was pleased to see that the number-one wrestler, Mil Mascaras, was finally awarded "Wrestler of the Month" (August/1981). He deserves much more than he could possibly acclaim in a million years, and I say that with absolutely no doubts in my mind. That particular article was so interestingly thorough that I was forced to re-read it several times and look forward to future articles on Mil.

It's a pity that so many rule-breakers have continuously disgraced the privilege of wearing a mask, namely The Assassins. And if not for wrestlers like Mil, Mr. Wrestling II, and even Dos Caras, I would surely have agreed long ago that the use of a mask be banned.

In fact, the mask does add a kind of exciting mystique to the above wrestlers, and I must admit that I am a bit disappointed in Sweet Brown Sugar's recent decision to unmask. He is a truly fantastic wrestler and always will be, but I'm afraid he lost something important from his character having removed the "eagle" from his face, a mark of pride.

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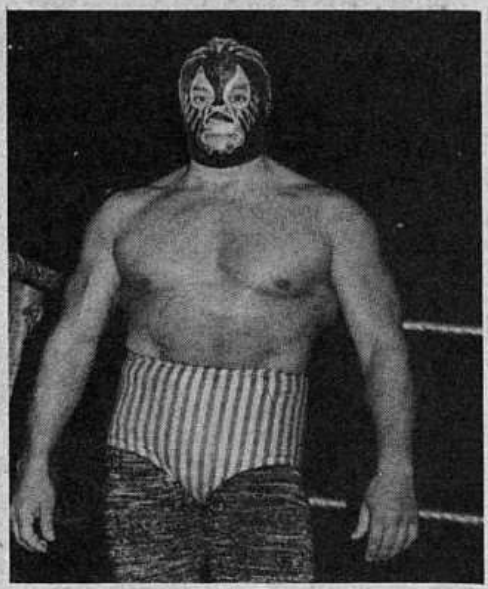

Mil Mascaras, August's "Wrestler of the Month," brings honor to the concept of masked wrestling, writes Darren S. Lyn.

IN BACKLUND'S DEFENSE

I am reading a lot about how some people think Bob Backlund is a wimp, crybaby, etc. It is time someone stood up for him, and I am the person who is going to do it.

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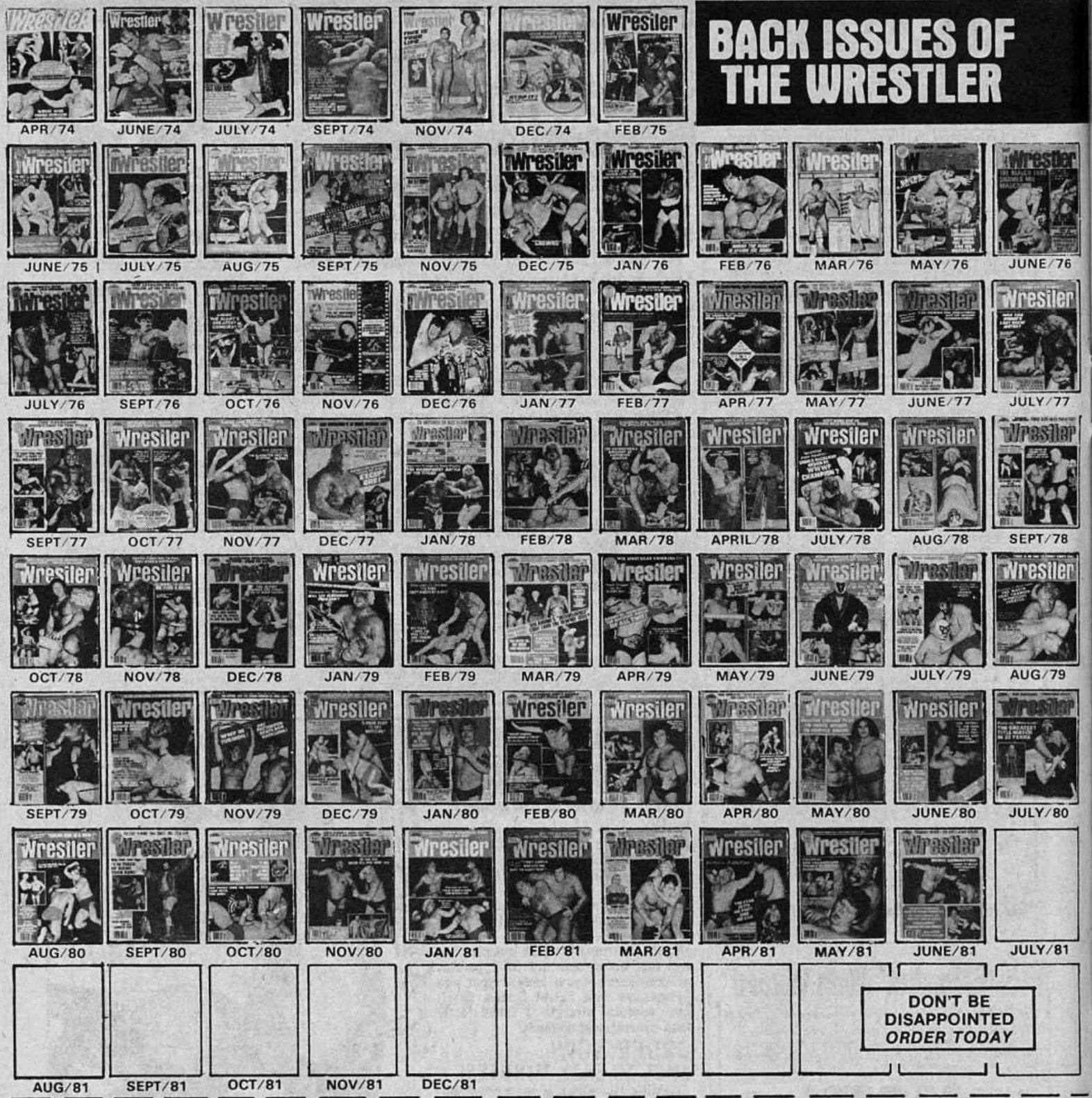

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THE QUESTION:
"What do you think of wrestlers who use foreign objects in the ring?"

THE ANSWERS:

Dave Culbertson, Lexington, KY:
"I think it's terrible. I mean, the rules are clear: any foreign articles or weapons used in the ring against an opponent is cause for automatic disqualification. It makes sense to me, I mean what if boxers were allowed to put horseshoes in their gloves? In fact, I would take the rule another step further and say that any wrestler who is repeatedly caught using foreign objects in the ring should have their wrestling license taken away completely, and for good."

Walter Piegorsch, Ithaca, NY:
"Listen, what's the big deal about it all, huh? I mean, how often do you see the referee throw somebody out of a match for something like that? I don't think it's so bad if George Steele cracks Backlund over the head with a chair or something. Fact is, Backlund probably did something to deserve it anyway, so what's the beef? Even if the referee tried to throw Steele out of the

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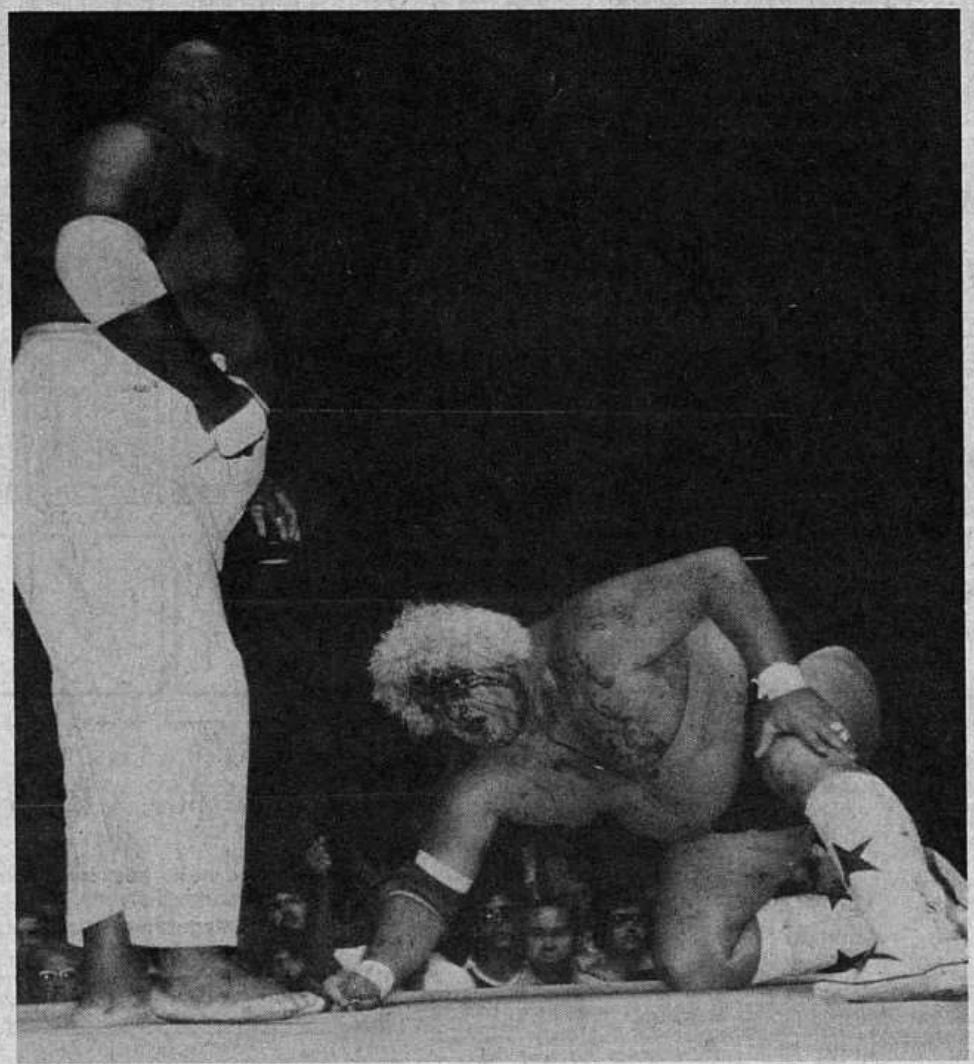
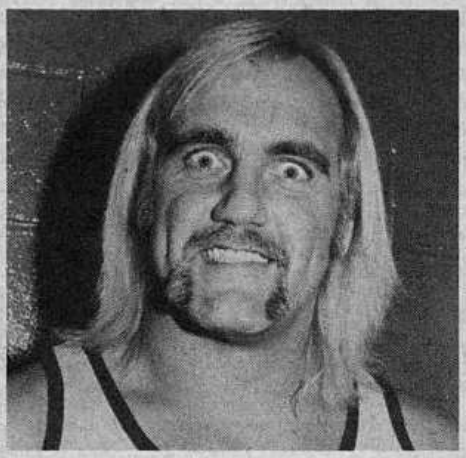


Abdullah the Butcher stands over a bleeding Dusty Rhodes after carving his initials into the NWA champion's head with a pencil.

RS ANSWER OF THE MONTH

GEORGE "THE ANIMAL" STEELE
"Me no wrestle? . . . maybe, must be instead into politics . . . yeah, good for me is politics . . . stomp Russians, stomp Koloff, stomp Putski, stomp Brezhnev . . . me is good, is not as worse as people in now . . . would show everyone how to run country right, especially how to stop people from crime."



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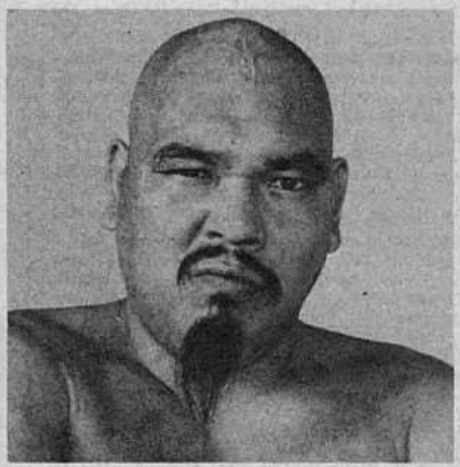
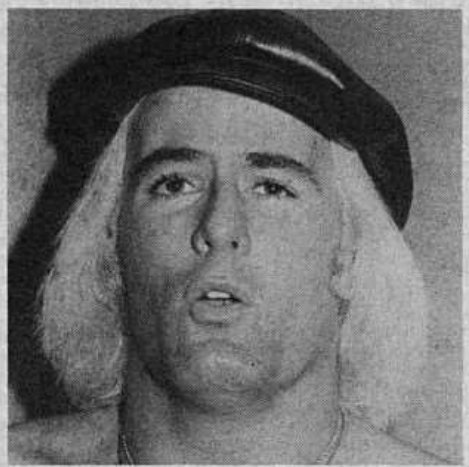
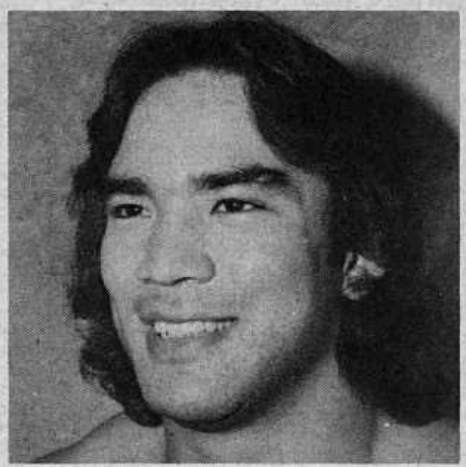


KILLER KHAN
(Through an interpreter) "My mental abilities are like none other in the world. I am a master of cunning and am able to perceive things no other man can. If I wasn't taking care of scum like Andre the Giant, I would be an intelligence agent for the Mongolian government, what you Americans so crudely call a 'spy.'"



AUSTIN IDOL
"That's a stupid question. For me, there is no other possible profession in the world than wrestling. My life has always been geared to wrestling, and I am the best at it. To even consider the possibility that there might have been something else is ridiculous as far as I'm concerned."



RICK STEAMBOAT
"Dogs. I love dogs. My life would be dedicated to these wonderful animals, either as a dog trainer or maybe even as a veterinarian. I think if I had my choice, though, I would like to show dogs. You know, championship animals. I have some dogs now, but I don't have the time to really groom them to be champions. Maybe someday."

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Wrestling—Verne Gagne, Ratings, TV Announcer Dennis James, Sandor Szabo, Matches of the Month, Pet Peeve, Sammy Berg, Mae Weston **$25**

JANUARY 1952 ***Boxing***—Pep vs. Saddler, Gans vs. Kid Lavigne, Robinson vs. Turpin, Mickey Walker, Tricksters, Tony Janiro, Barney Ross's Record, Tex Rickard, Roland LaStarza, Leonard vs. Kilbane, Rocky Marciano, Ratings, Knockouts
Wrestling—Yvon Robert, Wrestling Whirl, Sky Hi Lee, Matches of the Month, Pacific Coast Championship, George Hackenschmidt, Indian Wrestlers, Ruffy Silverstein, Ratings, Londos vs. Shikat **$25**

FEBRUARY 1952 ***Boxing***—Fights of the Month, Trouble with Boxing, Young Prospects, Tony Canzoneri, Bob Fitzsimmons, Rocky Graziano, Unusual Incidents, Predictions for 1952, Willie Lewis vs. Sailor Burke, Ratings (Marciano Fighter of Month), Tex Rickard Story
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JUNE 1952 ***Boxing***—Fights of the Month, Gil Turner, Max Schmeling, Jack Johnson, Ratings, Stillman's Gym, Chico Vejar, Flyweights and Bantamweights, Tex Rickard Story, Paddy DeMarco, Max Baer's Record
Wrestling—Lord Carlton, Ratings, Mars Bennett, Human Sides, Tony Lanza, Wrestling Whirl, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, Matches of Month, San Francisco Promoter Joe Malcewicz **$25**

AUGUST 1952 ***Boxing***—Highlights, Paddy Young, Sammy Mandell, Trainer Doc Bagler, Jack Dempsey, Keeny Teran and Gil Cadilli, Tex Rickard Story, Lew Tendler, TV From Miami, From Knockdown to Victory, Ratings
Wrestling—Dirty Dick Raines, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, How Girl Wrestlers Keep Fit, Ratings, Adrian Baillargeon, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Mighty Atlas **$25**

SEPTEMBER 1952 ***Boxing***—Highlights, Fighting Italians, George Arauji, Pancho Villa, Trainer Charlie Goldman, Willie Troy, Ratings, Boxing Confidential, Gene Tunney, Jackie Fields
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Wrestling—Riki Dozan, Their Hardest Battles, Matches of Month, Ray Gunkel, Tough Turks, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Record of Verne Gagne **$25**

MAY 1953 ***Boxing***—Fighting Talk, Fights in Review (Danny Nardico upsets Jake LaMotta, Rocky Castellani beats Tiger Jones), Kid Gavilan kayoes Chuck Davey to retain crown, Roland LaStarza tops Rex Layne, The Dundee Brothers, Baltimore's Great Fighters, Saga of John Morrissey, Tommy Loughran, Ratings, Middleweight Muddle, Charlie White
Wrestling—Fred Curry, Elvira Snodgrass, Matches of Month, Great Togo, Ruffy Silverstein, Trading Holds, Record of Buddy Rogers, Ratings, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs **$30**

DECEMBER 1954 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Matches of Month, Cisco Andrade, Ezzard Charles writes about Marciano, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Tony DeMarco, Jimmy Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom's Life, Paul Andrews, Tony Galento vs. Lou Nova, Benny Leonard, Quiz, Dempsey vs. Fred Fulton, Quiz
Wrestling—Bob Orton, Matches of Month, Cowboy Carlson, Mars Bennett, California Champs, Al Costello, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Fan Clubs **$25**

FEBRUARY 1955 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Nino Valdez Says "I'll Beat Marciano," Billy Petrolle's Life, Carmen Basilio Challenges Johnny Saxton, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Lou Stillman, Jim Corbett vs. Joe Choynski, Jack Delany, Jack Johnson Compared to Modern Fighters, Why Black Fighters Are Tops, Quiz, Ratings, Jimmy McLarnin
Wrestling—Billy Varga, Ratings, Violet Viann, Verne Gagne, Speaks Out, Matches of Month, Sonny Myers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, How To Start A Fan Club **$25**

MARCH 1955 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Kid Gavilan, Cisco Andrade, Eugene Criqui, Ratings, Writer Dan Parker, Best Heavyweight Of All, Charley Powell, Youg Griffo, Kid McCoy vs. Tomy Sharkey, Willie Ritchie, Quiz, Pedro Montanez
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Wrestling—Yukon Eric, Pacific Coast Powerhouses, Billy Goelz, Wrestling Whirl, Manuel Cortez, Matches of Month, Bob Geigel, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Billy Varga **$25**

JULY 1955 ***Boxing***—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Rocky Marciano Crushes Don Cockell, Fights of Month, Chico Vejar, Tony Canzoneri's Life (conclusion), Carmen Basilio describes his war with Tony DeMarco, Fight Nite At St. Nicks, Jimmy Soo, Fantasy Fight with Joe Walcott, Ludwig Lightburn, Benny Leonard vs. Ever Hammer, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Ratings, Quiz
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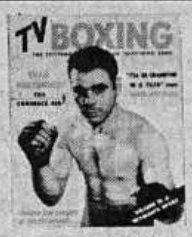

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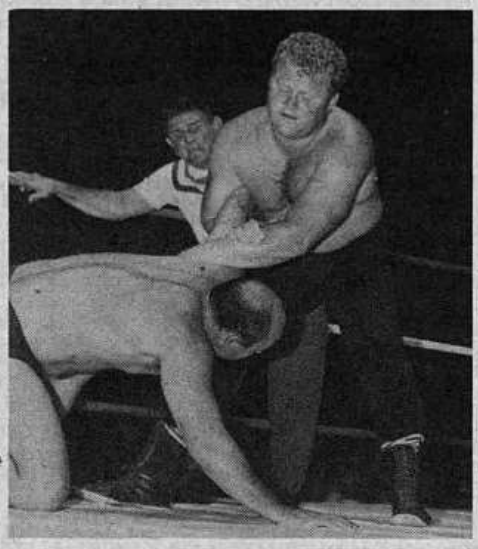
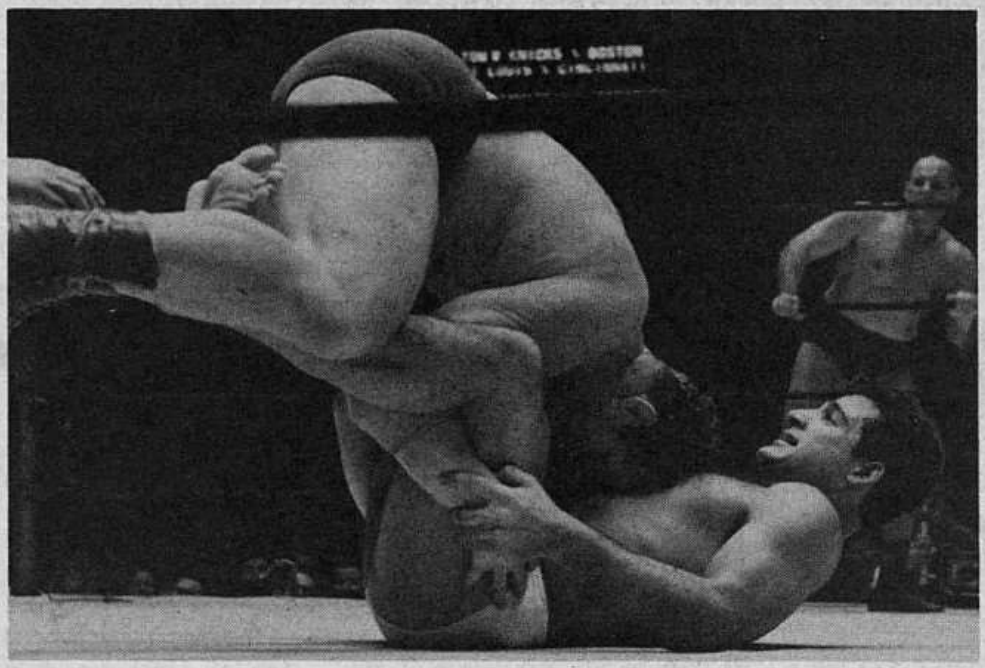
SCRAPBOOK

SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER 1966

"We beat everyone. There is no more competition left for us." These were the words of Bob Geigel and Bob Brown, who had been wrestling in the Midwest and remained undefeated in over 116 matches . . . Killer Austin invaded the California wrestling scene and became involved in a feud with popular Erich Froelich . . . The Spoiler's identity was kept a well-hidden secret. None of his opponents were able to unmask him . . . Argentine Apollo, a man many fans considered the "second" Antonino Rocca, became a tag team partner with Rocca's former steady partner, Miguel Perez . . . Young Bobby Shane stepped into the ring in Florida and proved to fans and one of his first opponents, Johnny Vonce, that he was destined to become a star . . . Fritz Von Erich had told everyone that his feud in St. Louis against Johnny Powers was not going to be a long one. "My clawhold will pulverize that scum of the earth!" he said . . . Luther Lindsay was making a name for himself in the Midwest . . . A hot feud between Bill Watts and Johnny Valentine attracted packed houses in the East . . . Bruno Sammartino's top challenger for his WWF title was Big Bill Miller . . . In Texas, Iron Mike DiBiase and Klondike Bill continued to pummel each other in a series of brutal brawls . . . According to Larry Hennig, he kept losing to Verne Gagne because of the glare reflecting off Verne's bald head. "It blinded me really bad," said Hennig. So Verne put on a wig for their next encounter and put down this stipulation: If Hennig could "de-wig" him, Verne would forfeit the match and give his entire purse to Larry. Verne won. THE RATINGS: 1-Bruno Sammartino; 2-Gene Kiniski; 3-Karl Gotch; 4-Lou Thesz; 5-Verne Gagne; 6-Baba the Giant; 7-Fritz Von Erich; 8-Bill Watts; 9-Crusher; 10-Bruiser. TAG TEAMS: 1-Larry Hennig & Harley Race; 2-Ray Stevens & Pat Patterson; 3-The Assassins; 4-The Scott Brothers; 5-The Kentuckians; 6-Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson; 7-Bob Geigle & Bob Brown; 8-Crusher & Bruiser; 9-The Mighty Yankees; 10-Johnny Valentine & Antonio Pugliese.



Larry Hennig complained that the glare emanating from Verne Gagne's bald head prevented him from winning the AWA title.



Argentine Apollo, "the second coming of Antonino Rocca," nimbly flips Kangaroo Roy Heffernan with his legs. Apollo and Miguel Perez would soon crack the top 10 ratings as a team.

SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER 1971

The largest crowd ever to attend a sporting event at New York's Madison Square Garden saw Pedro Morales defend his WWF championship with a victory over Stan Stasiak. The crowd of 22,070, 85 more than the previous record set at the July matches, paid a record $104,456. In the co-feature event, Victor Rivera and Chief Jay Strongbow defeated "Crazy" Luke Graham and Tarzan Tyler, who retained their WWF tag team belts via the disqualification rule . . . In an uncharacteristic display of cowardice, newly crowned Americas champion John Tolos pleaded with Los Angeles promoters not to force him to defend his title against Mil Mascaras. "I want to be Mil's friend," said the Golden Greek. "I have nothing against Mascaras. Why do I have to wrestle him?" . . . Johnny Valentine came within a hair of upsetting NWA champion Dory Funk Jr. in St. Louis . . . Pat O'Connor and Jack Brisco formed a winning tag team . . . The Mongols, Bepo and Gito, recaptured the International tag team championship just weeks after dropping the belts to Bruno Sammartino and Dominic DeNucci . . . Wild Bull Curry broke Bobo Brazil's record—right over his head. As Bobo, the U.S. champion, signed autographs for the fans, Curry snuck up from behind and smashed "The Ballad of Bobo Brazil" over his head. Of course, a vinyl disc is no match for Brazil's head. Bobo turned around, smiled, and gave Curry a thrashing . . . Fans in Florida began calling Jack Brisco the "Texas Death Match Champion" after he soundly defeated Dory Funk Sr., who first claimed the title. Insiders said that Brisco took out all his anger on the elder Funk after NWA champion Dory Jr. high-tailed it out of Florida to the Midwest rather than give Jack a shot at the NWA title . . . Verne Gagne made two defenses of his AWA title against Nick Bockwinkel, winning the first and losing the second by disqualification when he accidentally flipped Nick over the top rope . . .

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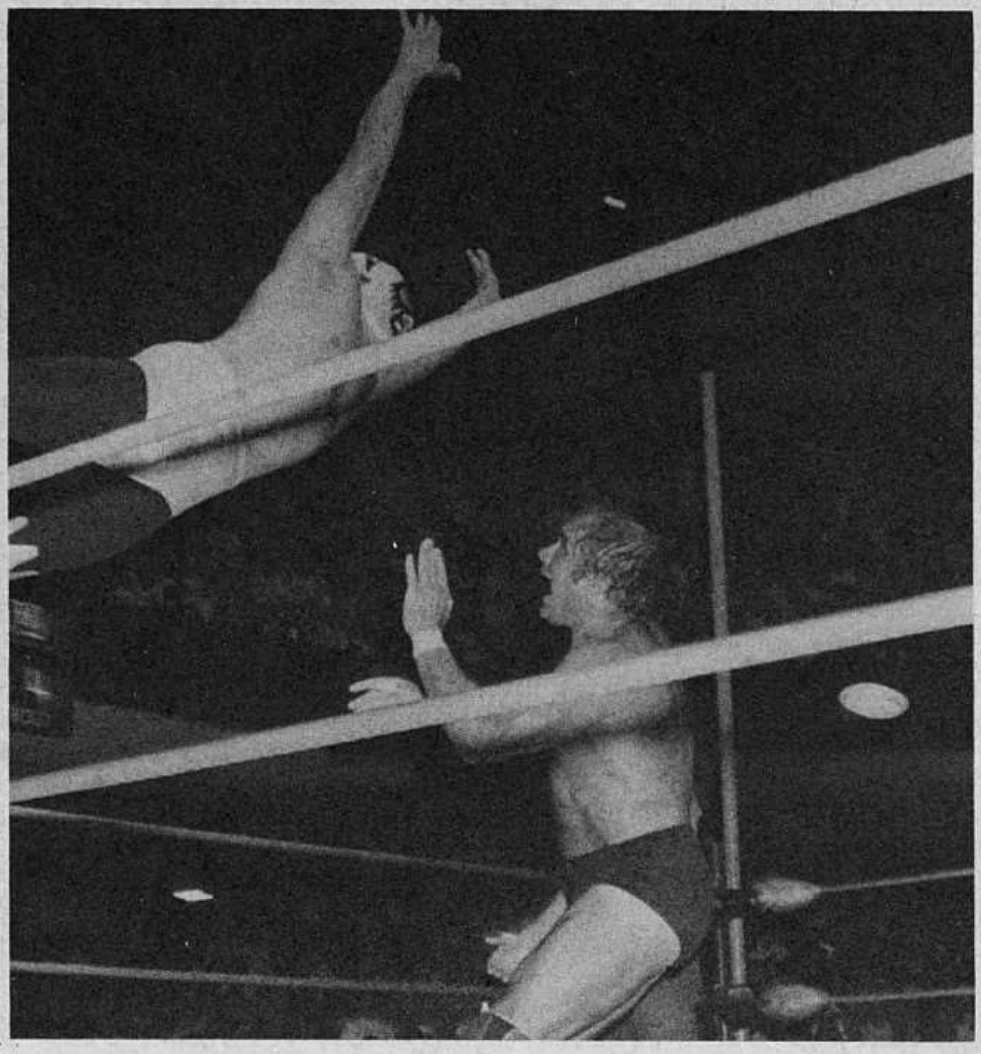
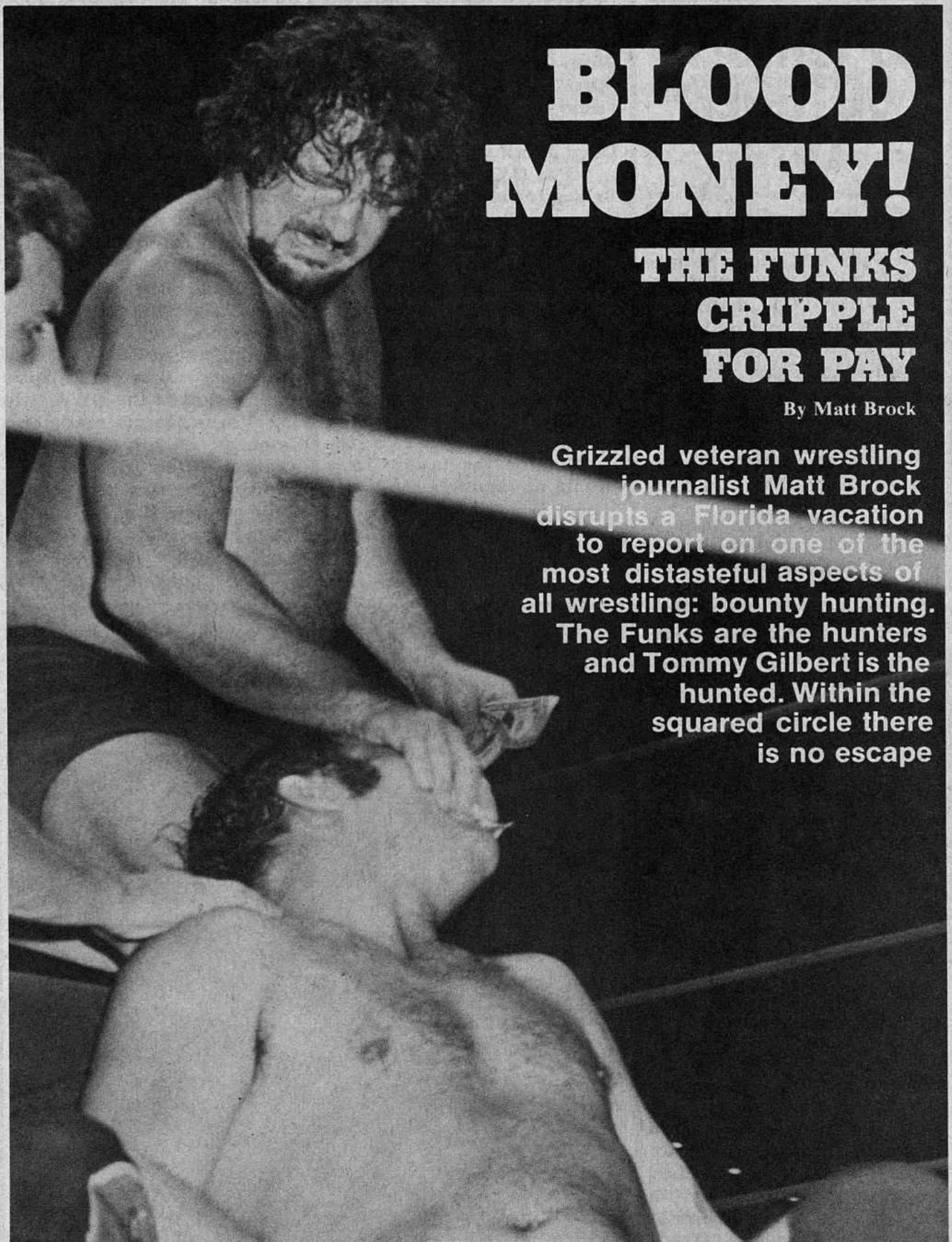
To the dismay of a record 22,070 fans at Madison Square Garden, Stan Stasiak takes the upperhand against WWF champion Pedro Morales (below left). Americas champion John Tolos had good reason not to want to defend his title against high-flying Mil Mascaras (below right).





BLOOD MONEY!

THE FUNKS CRIPPLE FOR PAY

By Matt Brock

Grizzled veteran wrestling journalist Matt Brock disrupts a Florida vacation to report on one of the most distasteful aspects of all wrestling: bounty hunting. The Funks are the hunters and Tommy Gilbert is the hunted. Within the squared circle there is no escape

A WEEK'S VACATION in Florida. Hell, I didn't even expect to *think* about wrestling, much less go to a match and have to write about it. If I stayed away from this one, though, my conscience would have been howling at me like that guy in *The Godfather* when he found the horse's head between his sheets.

I found myself a comfortable resting spot down here called The Old Stone Jug. Pool table, pinball, and a spread of top shelf brands that would knock you out of your socks. I was sitting on a stool at one end of this barrelhouse listening to a couple of soggy elbow benders jawbone about women, how to save the world, and sports.

Well, I already know everything I need to know about women, and I reasoned that anyone who thought that he had a solution to the world's problems certainly deserves the hangover he's likely to have the next morning. But when they got around to talking sports, these waxy ears all of a sudden sharpened up.

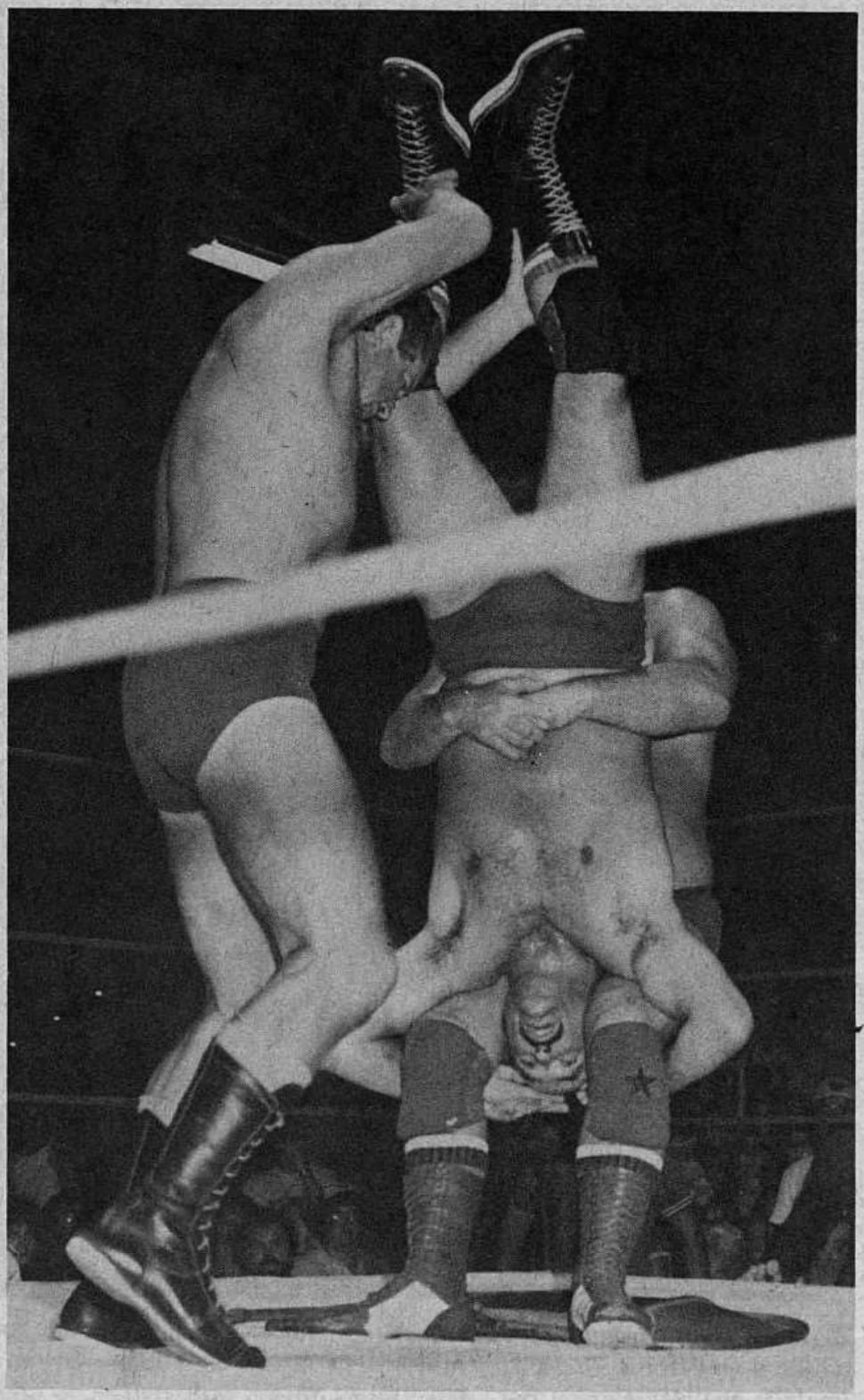
"Tomorrow night, Ace, can you believe it?" the one guy asked the other. "One thousand big ones. Buy a lot of action for that kind of money, eh?"

The two men laughed at their own conceptions of what a thousand bucks could bring. The guy who answered to the name of "Ace" spoke next.

"It figures that Kent would get together with someone like Terry, you know? HA! That poor bum Gilbert doesn't stand a snowball's chance in Iran!"

They laughed again. But I had heard all I needed to hear. I already knew of the offer made by Gentleman Jim Kent, but I had no idea that Terry Funk would sink so low as to actually accept such a sleazy offer.

Bounty hunting is what I'm talking about, and it's a filthy dirty business. Especially when there's a stipulation on the bounty that calls for crippling a man in the bargain.

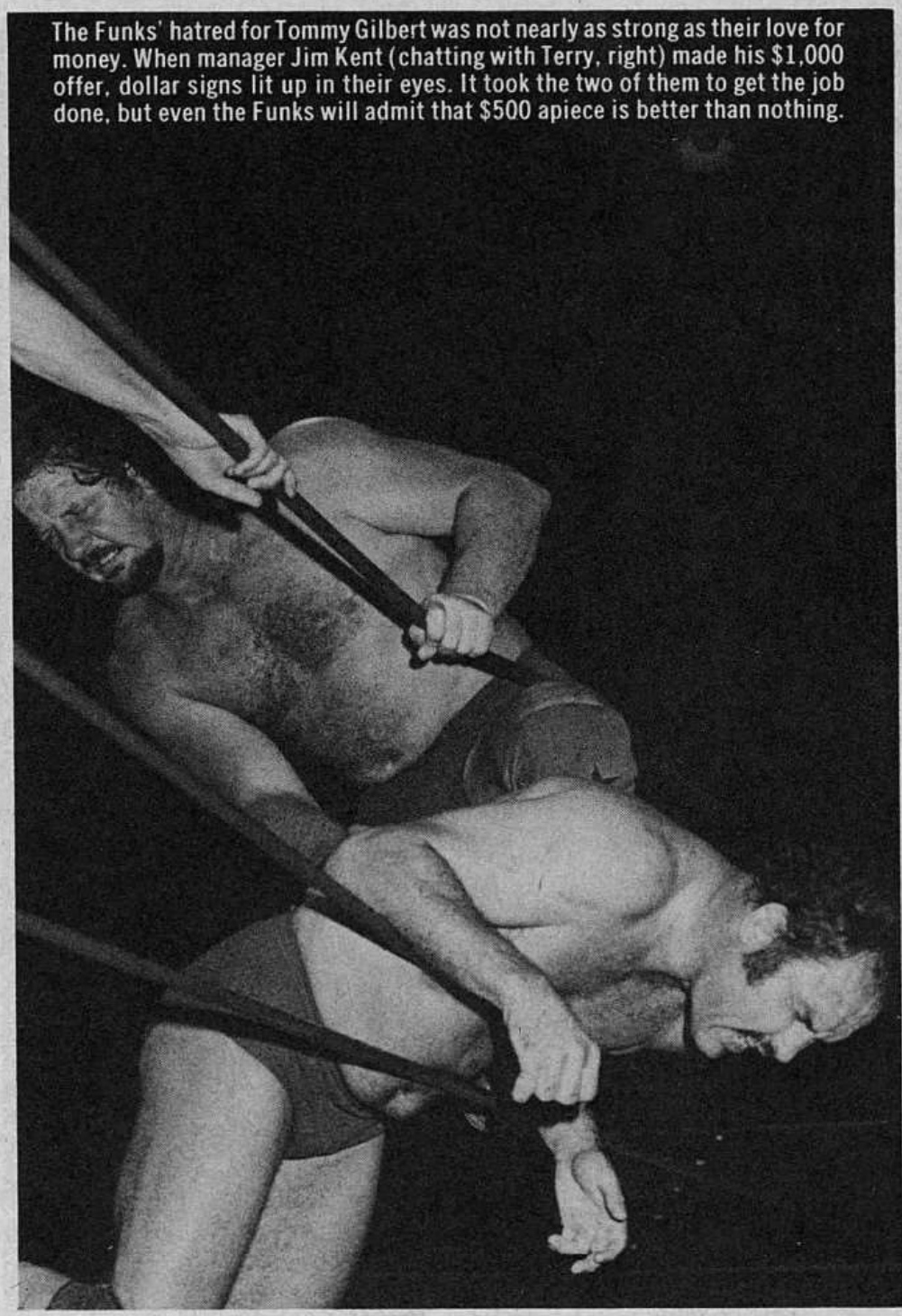


Dory Funk Jr. makes sure Tommy Gilbert is in perfect position to crash head-first into the metal chair as brother Terry executes a piledriver (above). The ultimate insult: Terry stuffs Gilbert's mouth with a portion of his bounty reward (opposite left).

Quick rundown in case you've been asleep the last month or so: manager Jim Kent sets a price of a thousand greenbacks on the head of Tommy Gilbert. Only to collect, the mercenary has to break an arm or a leg. Nice stuff, huh? So Terry Funk accepts the offer. Nice guy.

I don't know what it was that clicked in me, but I had to go see this match. I guess it's the same thing that makes a guy follow the sirens of the cop cars, or drive to the scene of the fire when he sees smoke in the air. Morbid curiosity is what it was, I suppose.

For a while, I was disappointed.



The Funks' hatred for Tommy Gilbert was not nearly as strong as their love for money. When manager Jim Kent (chatting with Terry, right) made his $1,000 offer, dollar signs lit up in their eyes. It took the two of them to get the job done, but even the Funks will admit that $500 apiece is better than nothing.

I mean, not disappointed that Gilbert was doing so well in his match against Funk, but disappointed that I had turned down dinner at a fine Japanese restaurant to witness a disaster that looked like it would never occur. Had I verbalized these thoughts, I could properly say that I spoke too soon.

Before you know it, here's Dory Funk Jr. charging his way into the ring with a chair over his head! This is madness, I thought. Maybe I'll wake up under a table in the Stone Jug. No such luck.

The next thing you know, Dory hits Gilbert with the chair, and then Terry comes and helps and the two of them piledrive Gilbert onto the chair which was lying on the mat in the middle of the ring.

Gilbert was hurt, boy, I'll tell you that much. I'm not too sure whether one of his limbs was able to point north and south at the same time, but Kent was so pleased with the way the Funks had attacked Tommy, that he came into the ring and paid the thousand dollars right on the spot.

Gloating like a wolf who has just feasted on a whole barnyard of chickens, Terry held the fistful of shinplaster high for the whole crowd to see . . . a fistful of blood money.

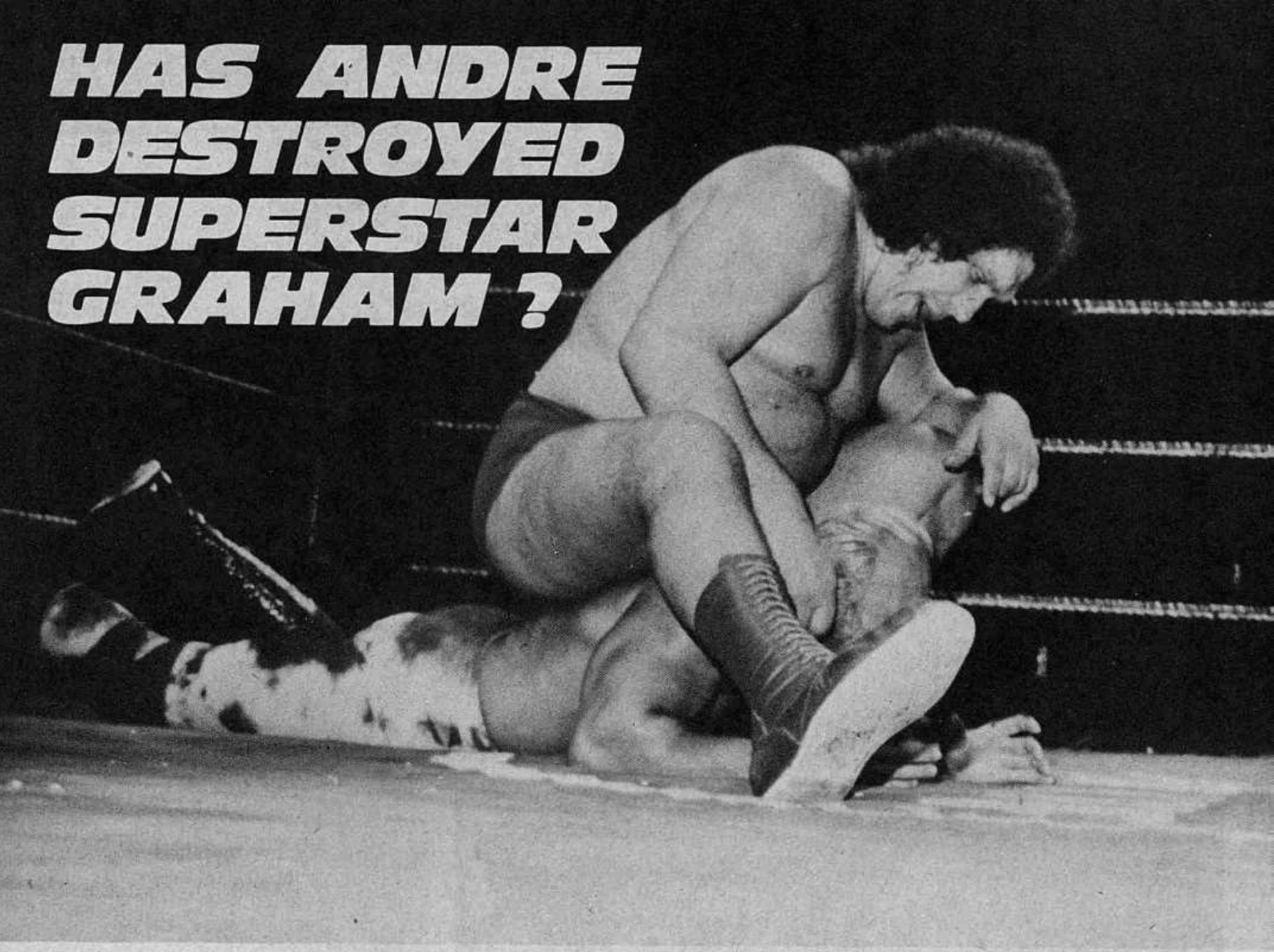
Then Terry takes a four-finned sawbuck (that's a $20 bill for those of you born after 1946) and shoves it into the mouth of Tommy Gilbert. Talk about adding insult to injury. If I was built like Andre the Giant, I'd take the other $980 and give the Funks a taste of their own slimy medicine.

I left the arena thoroughly disgusted. I only had two days left in my vacation, and the last thing I wanted to do was get back on the wrestling beat. There was an awful taste in my mouth as I returned to the Jug in an attempt to wash it away.

I wasn't too surprised when I saw Ace and his friend there again. Ace asked me if I had seen the big card at the arena that night. I just sort of smiled weakly and downed a swig of Turkey, saying nothing.

Then Ace asked me how I would bring peace to the Middle East and end the new Cold War. I ordered another double Turkey on the rocks. We talked until dawn. □

HAS ANDRE DESTROYED SUPERSTAR GRAHAM?



It's a very uncomfortable moment for Superstar Graham as Andre makes himself comfortable by sitting on him!

SILENCE IS GRAPHIC. In the case of Superstar Billy Graham, the quiet says more than his abrasive tongue.

Even in his bleakest moments, Superstar was not quiet. His boasting, filthy mouth pierced state lines and penetrated the thickest of wrestling institutions.

Suddenly he is gone. Graham is not to be found in the WWWF. Several months ago, we thought Dino Bravo had driven Graham out of the territory.

Not so.

"That pork-face Bravo could never drive the Superstar away. No sir, not the baddest man alive, they could never drive me . . . "

Perhaps Bravo couldn't oust Graham. But Andre the Giant has that capability. Presently, the important question is whether this abrupt disappearance by Graham signifies a permanent departure from the WWWF.

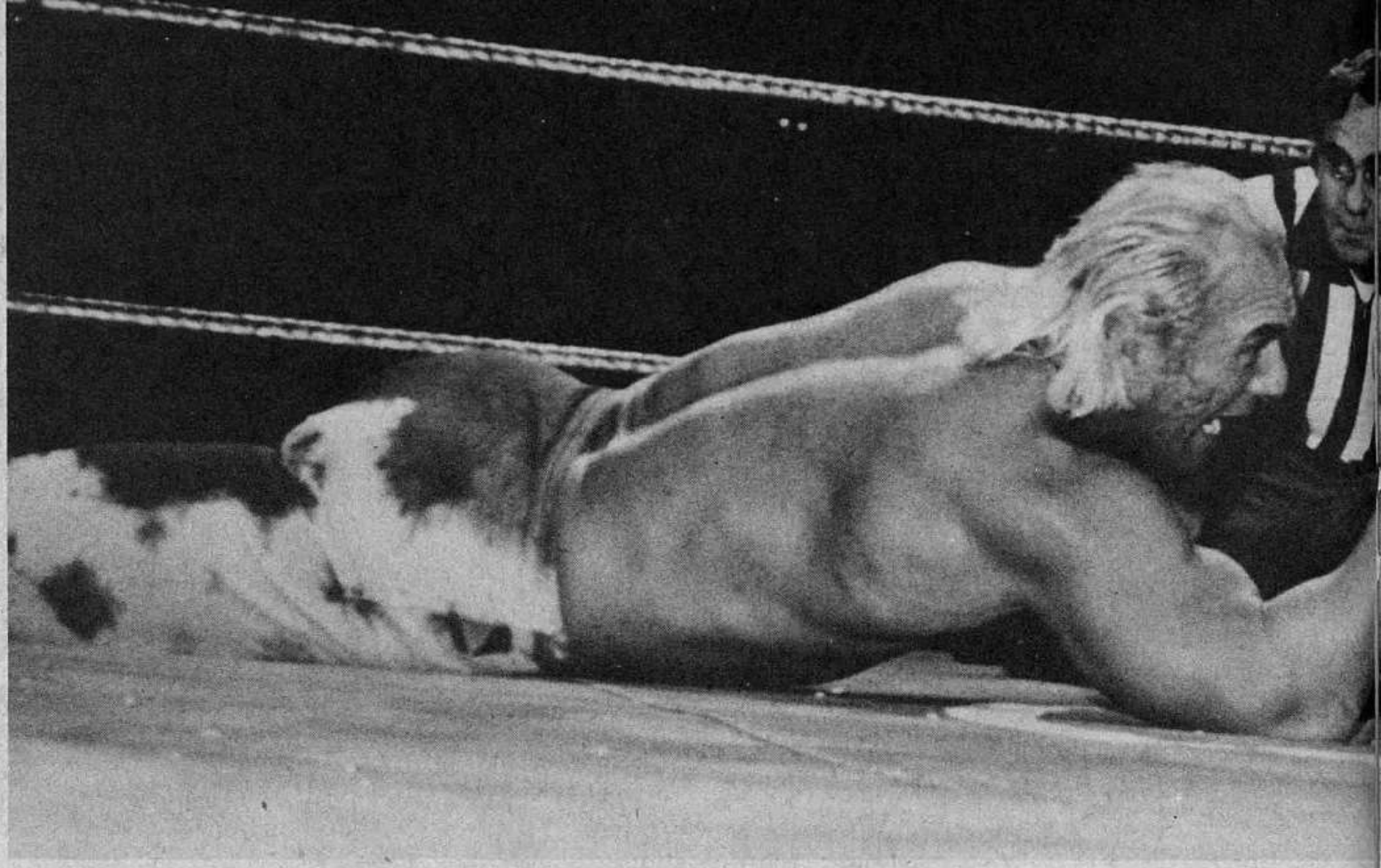
And if so, was Andre the Giant responsible? One of Graham's last matches in the WWWF was against Andre in the Nassau Coliseum. It had to be one of the weirdest matches of the year.

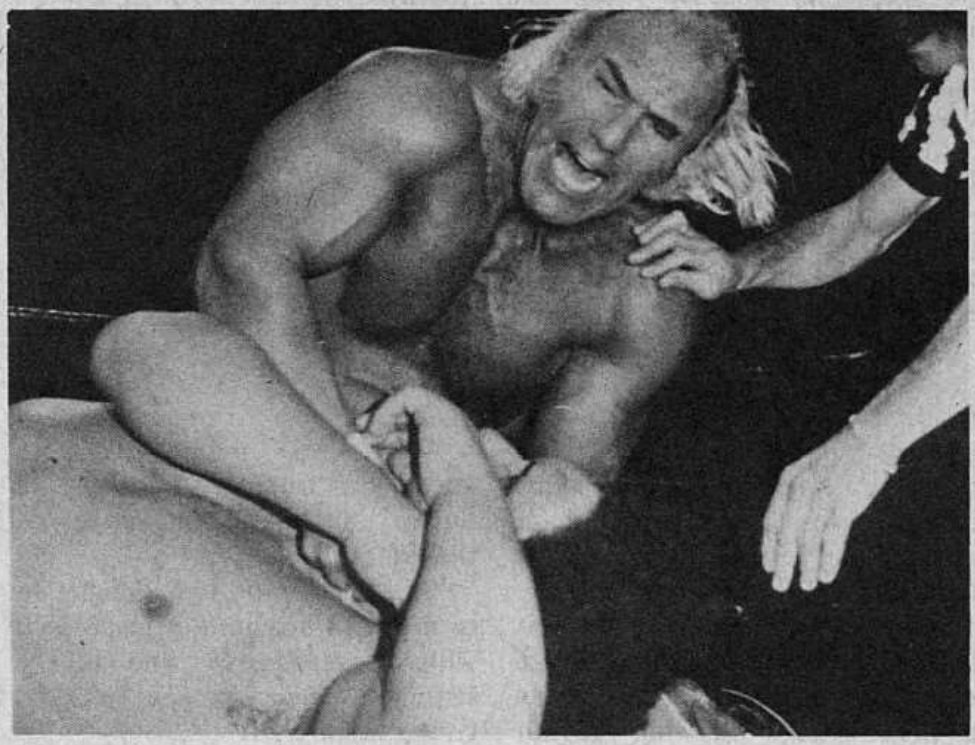
Before the match, Graham seized the ring microphone and hurled a harsh challenge at the Giant.

"Big Fat Andre, I challenge you to a test of strength, a test which will forever prove who is the strongest man in the world," Graham shouted.

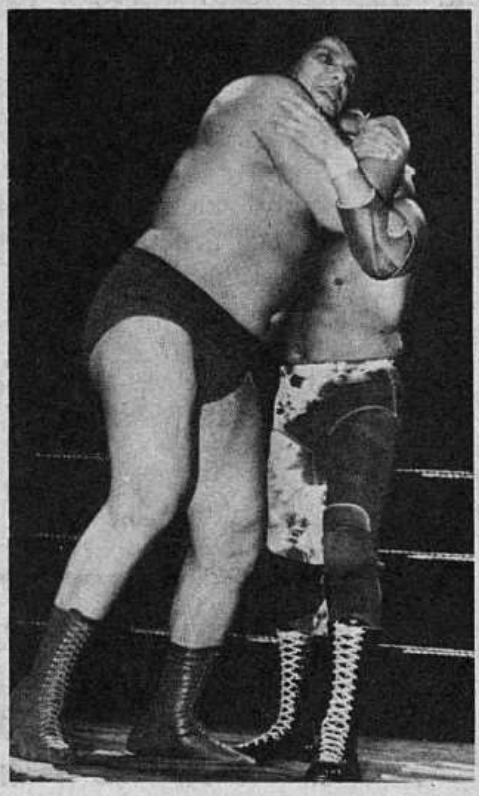
Andre grinned and nodded. This peculiar confrontation began.

Superstar Billy Graham once seemed to be everywhere. Now, his whereabouts are unknown to all except his family and closest friends. Did his beating at the hands of Andre the Giant end his infamous career?





The Giant has the advantage in an arm wrestling contest (above). Graham chokes the fallen Giant (left). Andre crushes Graham's head (below) like a grapefruit.



Lying on the canvas, they locked arms. For several minutes huge muscles rippled, jaws hung limply, brows curled and eyes bulged. Finally, his arm descending toward defeat, Graham broke the hold and backed away.

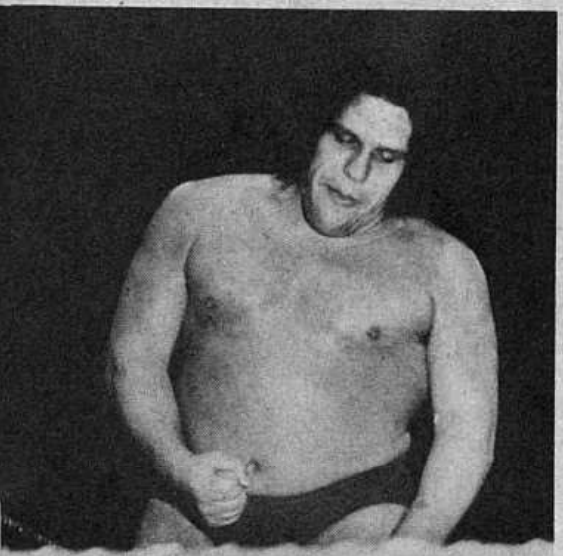
"You give up?" Andre asked with a weary smile.

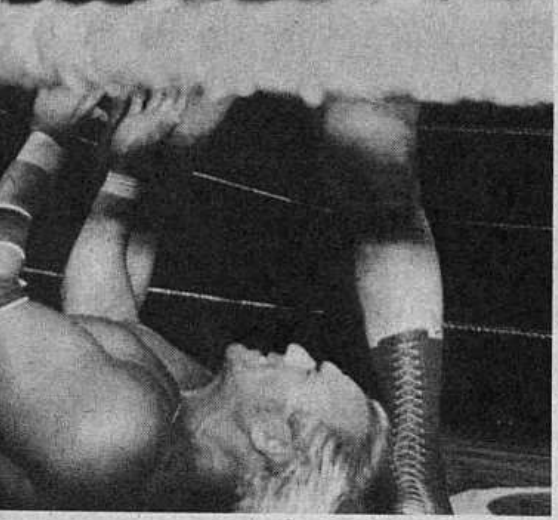
"You cheated, you sneak, you spit in my face!" Graham yelled.

"That was my sweat flying off," Andre cried.

Graham waved his massive arms and dared Andre to come to him. The Giant attacked and Graham danced around the ring.

"He does not fight like a man,"





Graham begs for mercy as Andre threatens to pound him. Graham fled from the ring, unable to handle the pressure. Andre was too awesome for the Superstar.

Andre said.

Around and around they ran, Graham hiding, Andre pursuing. Several times the Giant caught Graham and sat on him. Once, it appeared Graham's neck muscles would pop through the skin.

Graham's stunning departure occurred after Andre grabbed Superstar by the ears and threw him against the turnbuckle. Graham howled in pain, cupped his palms over his reddened ears and slipped through the ropes and into the dressing room.

After that night, Graham was invisible. Phone calls were unanswered. Letters were returned to the post office.

Invitations to wrestle in the WWWF were ignored. Queries to NWA and AWA promoters about Graham were greeted with puzzled replies.

No one knew where he was.

"Finally that detestable rat is gone," Andre laughed. "I do not like see any man's career end, but Graham is a vile wrestler and we are better off without him.

"I think a combination of things drove him away. I think our match where I pummeled him and revealed his cowardice was the decisive factor. I am very proud and happy."

Wait, you speak prematurely. An avalanche of long-distance calls finally produced a clue.

And Superstar Graham.

"Retire? You crazy, Jack?" Graham screamed into the mouthpiece. "I'm just resting after that awful whupping I gave weird Andre, man.

"You think anyone can drive me away? You must be bonkers, babe. I'm still the champ, the greatest, the strongest, the bravest. You tell Andre that if he doesn't shut his lip and stop making rumors, I'll stitch it up for him." □

Ken Patera's Own Story

"TO CHALLENGE RHODES WAS A DISGRACE TO ME!"

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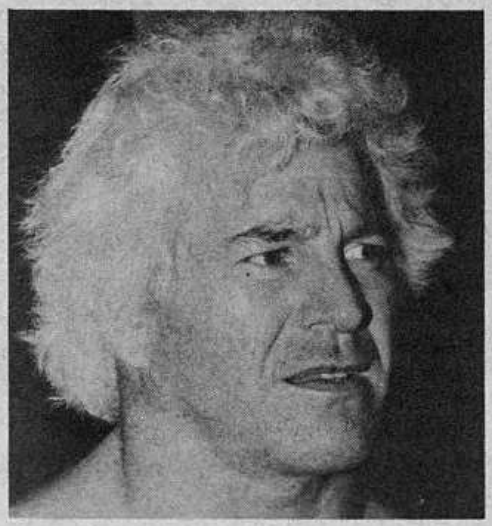


Outraged by his match against Dusty Rhodes in Atlanta, Ken Patera demanded a forum for his views to be heard by all responsible fans of wrestling. Read what Patera has to say, and then decide for yourself: is Dusty Rhodes the kind of champion YOU want?

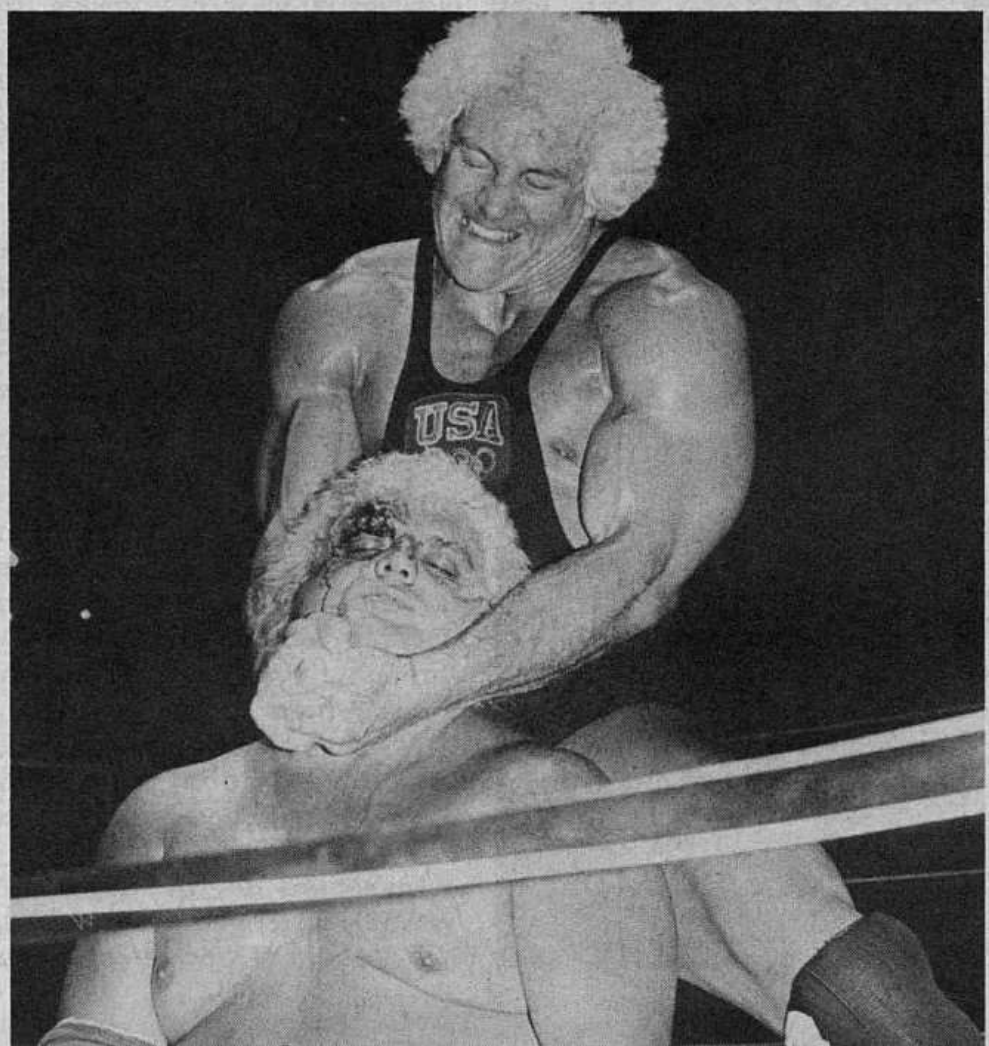
By Ken Patera

AS I CLIMBED up to the top turnbuckle, Dusty Rhodes grabbed me by the leg and the neck and tried to flip me, with the idea of slamming my back into the mat. I was able to twist my body, redistributing the weight, and gained the advantage by sending him reeling against the far ropes.

He came rebounding back, trying to down me with a headbutt and an attempted bodyslam, but I was able to flip him down to the mat instead.

Wouldn't you know it? Dusty, his head streaming with blood, runs away from me and out of the ring. I had to go chasing the coward into the area around the ring. He tried catching his breath by leaning on the railing, but I just wouldn't let him.

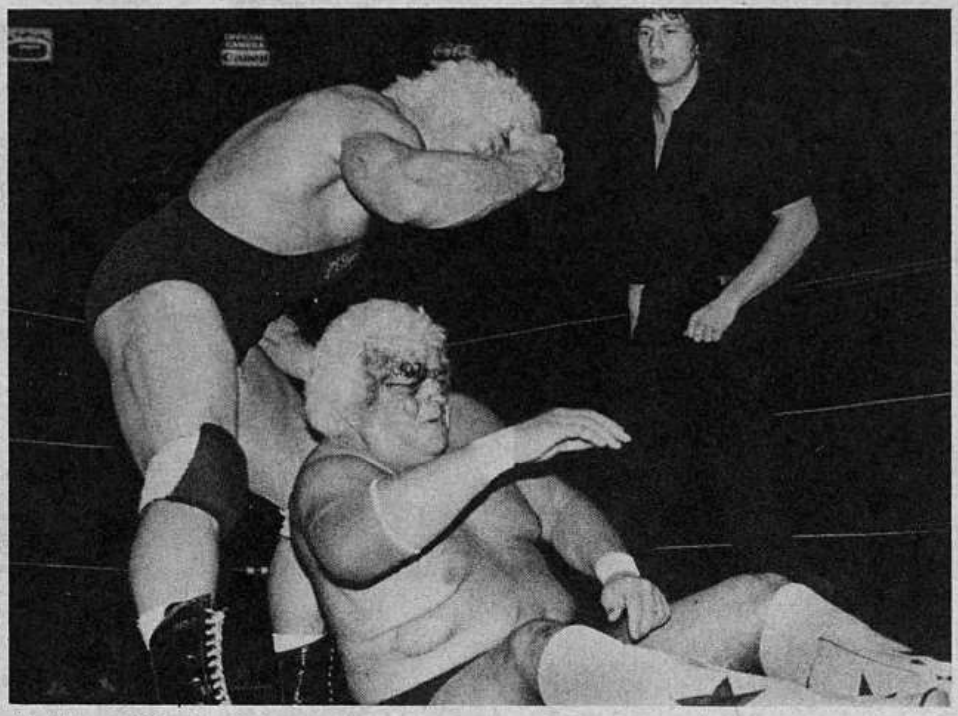
Some champion, huh? Ahh, it disgusts me to even tell you



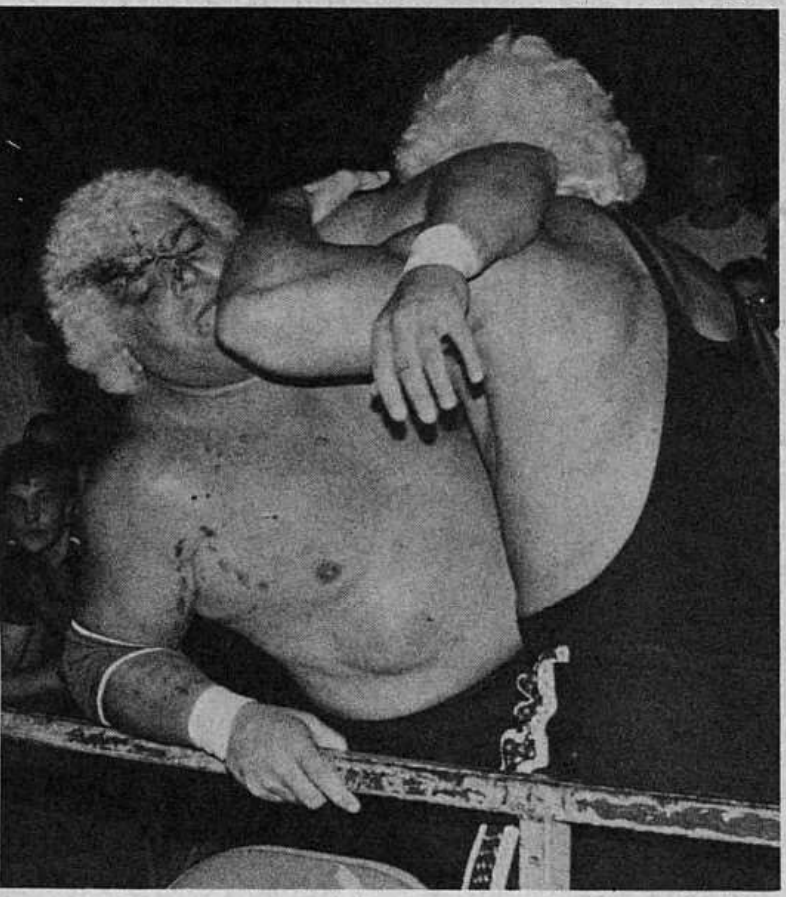
about the rest of the match. You can see by the pictures included with this article that I'm obviously in control throughout most, if not all of the match.

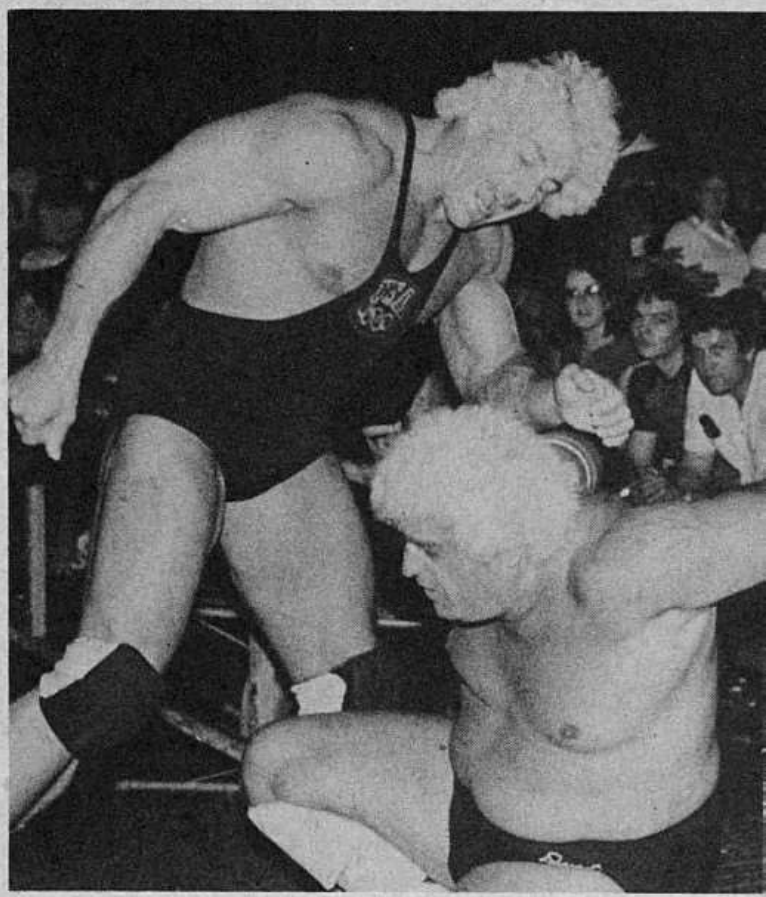
But what I want to know is what kind of champion would run away from an opponent and out of the ring? Do you people want a champion who is nothing but a complete and total coward? Is this the kind of person you fans want as a representative of the NWA?

What I'm saying here and now is that Dusty Rhodes is not fit to be heavyweight champion. I mean, he certainly fulfills the "heavyweight" part of the title, but a champion he will never be.



Ken Patera charges that Dusty Rhodes fled from the ring to retain his NWA title. The true story is that after the battle strayed from the ring, Patera was able to beat the referee's count back in and Dusty was not.





A coward. A man who runs out of the ring at the first sign of competition. Come on, now, people, this is no image for a champion to be presenting to the fans.

Look at me on the other hand. I'm handsome, well built, a superb wrestler in every way . . . all the qualities that Dusty Rhodes goes to bed at night wishing that he had.

I really shouldn't say this, but it's something that has been bothering me for so long that I just have to get it out in the open and explain it to all my adoring fans here in Georgia.

To challenge Dusty Rhodes is a disgrace to me.

I mean, let's look at the facts. I am the undisputed champion of this entire state, the beautiful

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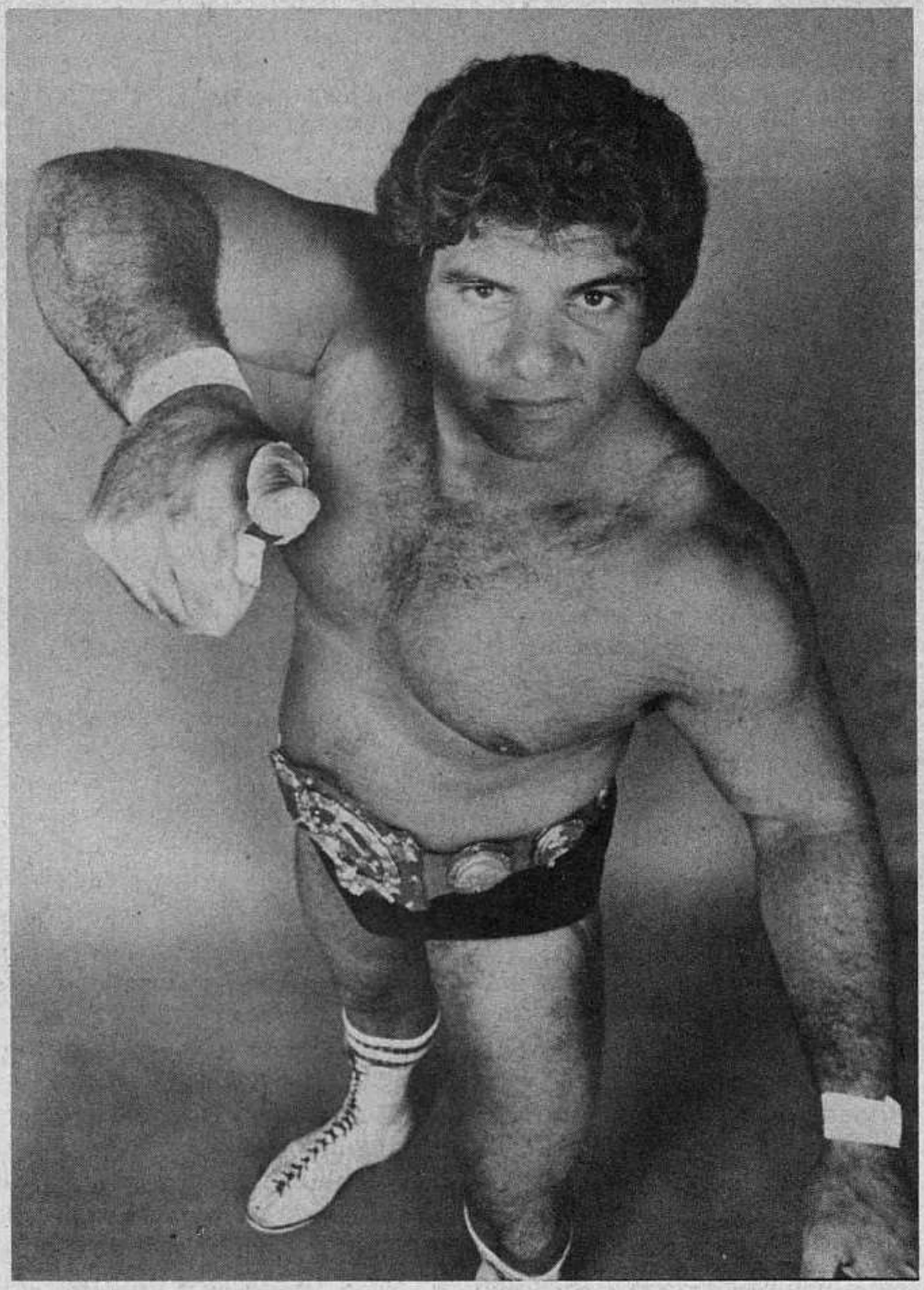
Magnificent Muraco's Boast

"DESTROYING MORALES WAS JUST A TUNE-UP FOR BACKLUND!"

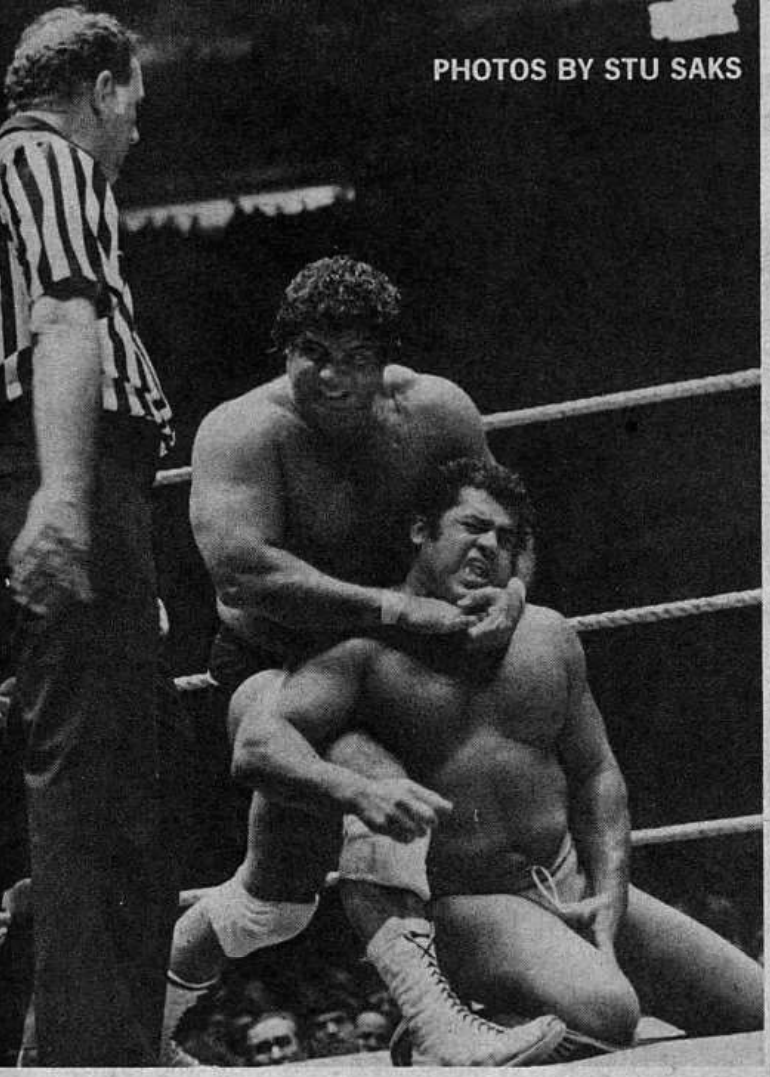


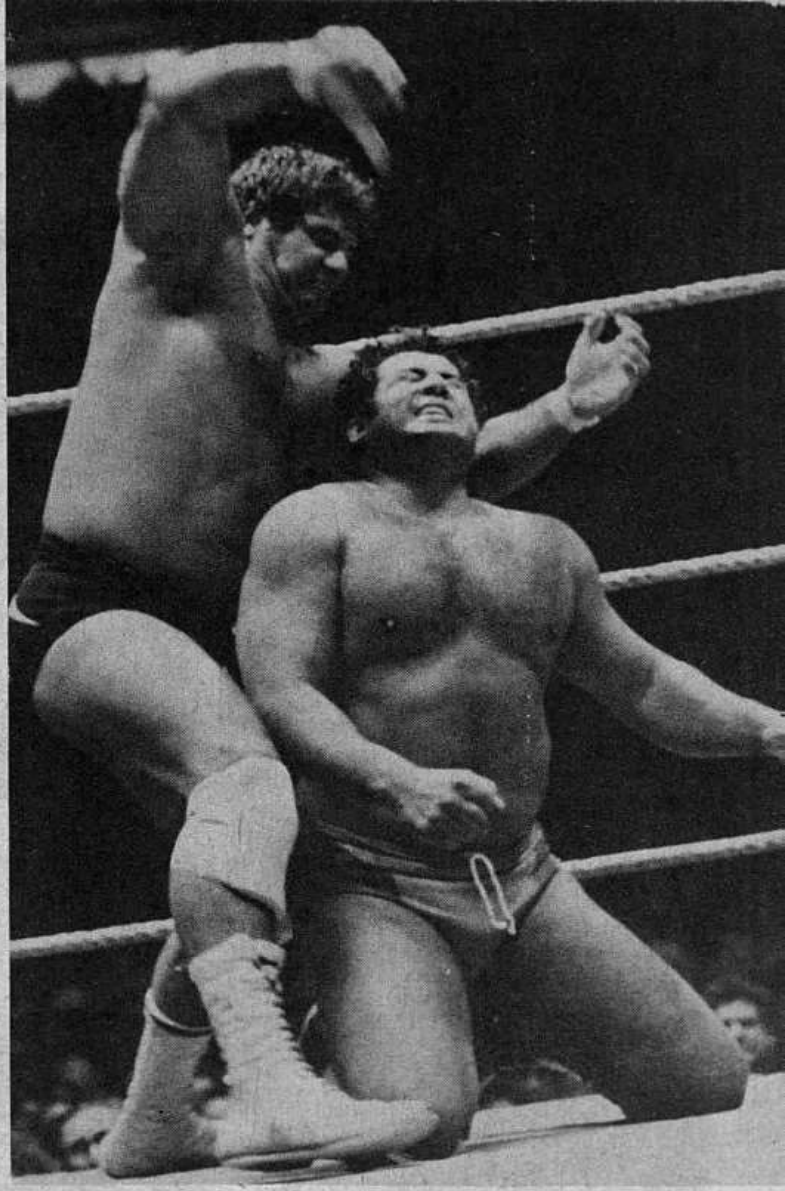
Combining his awesome physical skills with the peerless managing abilities of The Grand Wizard, "Magnificent" Muraco is the key component in a five-year plan designed to strip Bob Backlund of his WWF championship belt. According to The Wizard, this plan is near completion, and Backlund had better beware!

DON MURACO WAS smug prior to his match with Pedro Morales . . . perhaps too smug.

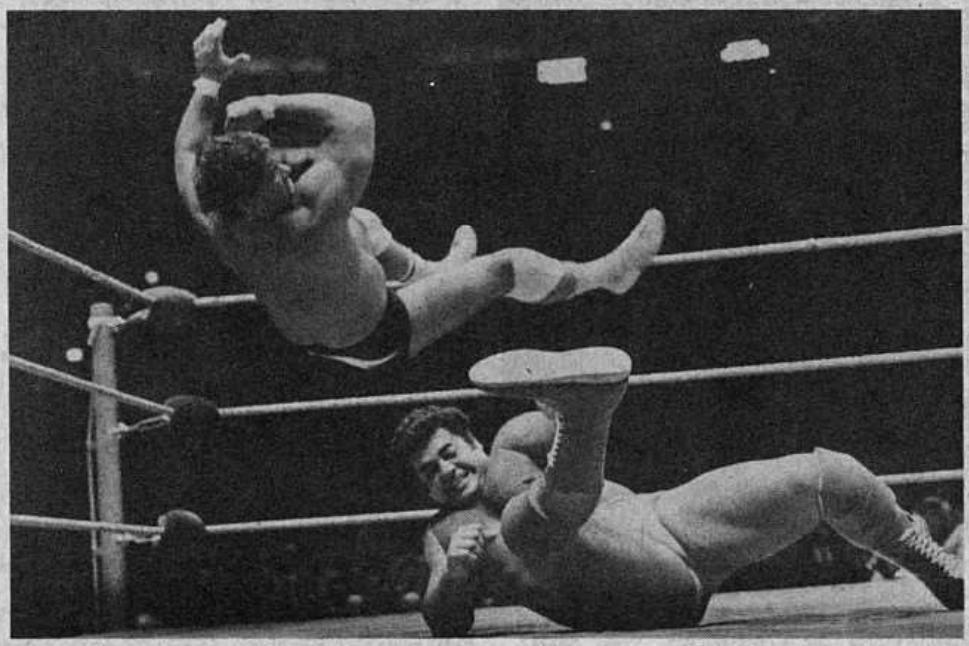
Yet Muraco did not appear worried. If any man was determined to reclaim the Intercontinental championship, Pedro Morales would have to be that man. He would be the one with all engines primed to blast Muraco right out of the ring. By all rights, Muraco should have been gravely worried about facing Morales again.

Curiously enough, though,





How quickly a relatively harmless rear chinlock (above) can turn into a piercing Asiatic spike (right). A weakened Morales cannot evade Muraco's flying elbowsmash (below).



Muraco was strutting about his dressing room as if he had already won the match. His manager, The Grand Wizard, was equally relaxed. Only a half hour until the opening bell and these two co-conspirators were acting as if Muraco were going to wrestle Don Knotts instead of Pedro Morales.

Co-conspirators? Not a wholly inappropriate term, particularly when you ask The Grand Wizard about his highly touted five-year plan.

"Very soon, now, very soon," the Wizard assures. "There has been an enormous amount of time, money, and preparation invested into this project. It's been a long, hard road, but when we finally reach the end you will see that it has all been worth it."

While Wizard may be somewhat secretive about the actual details of his five-year plan, he is certainly quite forthright in the declaration of its eventual goal.

"Backlund, plain and simple," declared Wizard. "That inexperienced child thinks he's such a paragon of virtue, such an idealistic role model for wrestling's millions of fans. Well, let me tell

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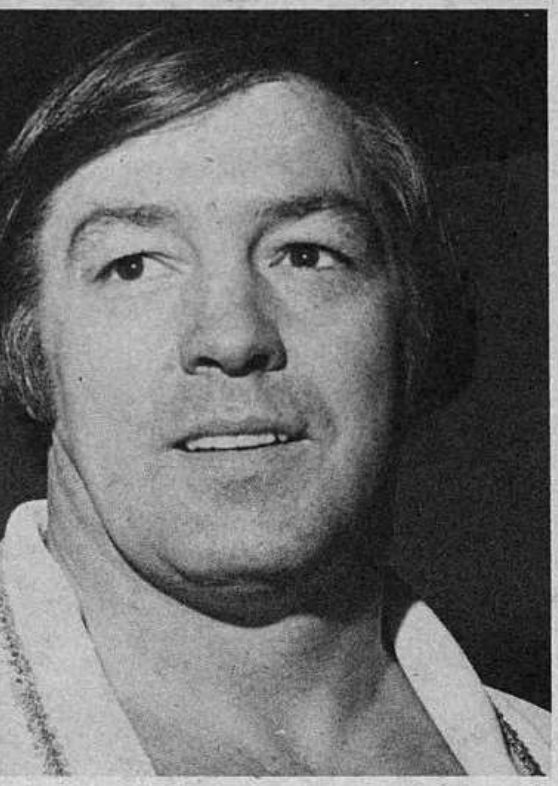
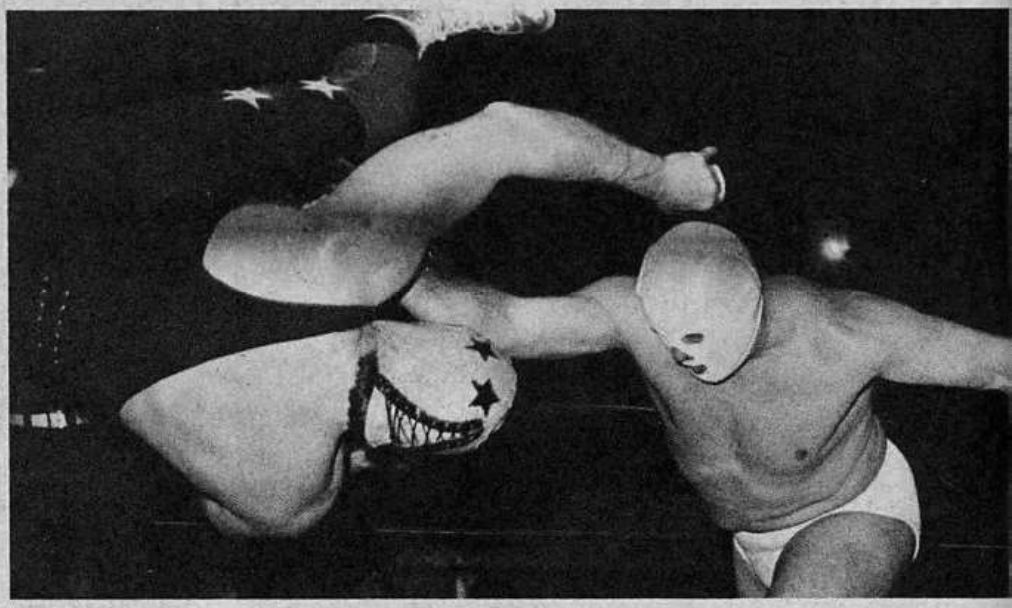
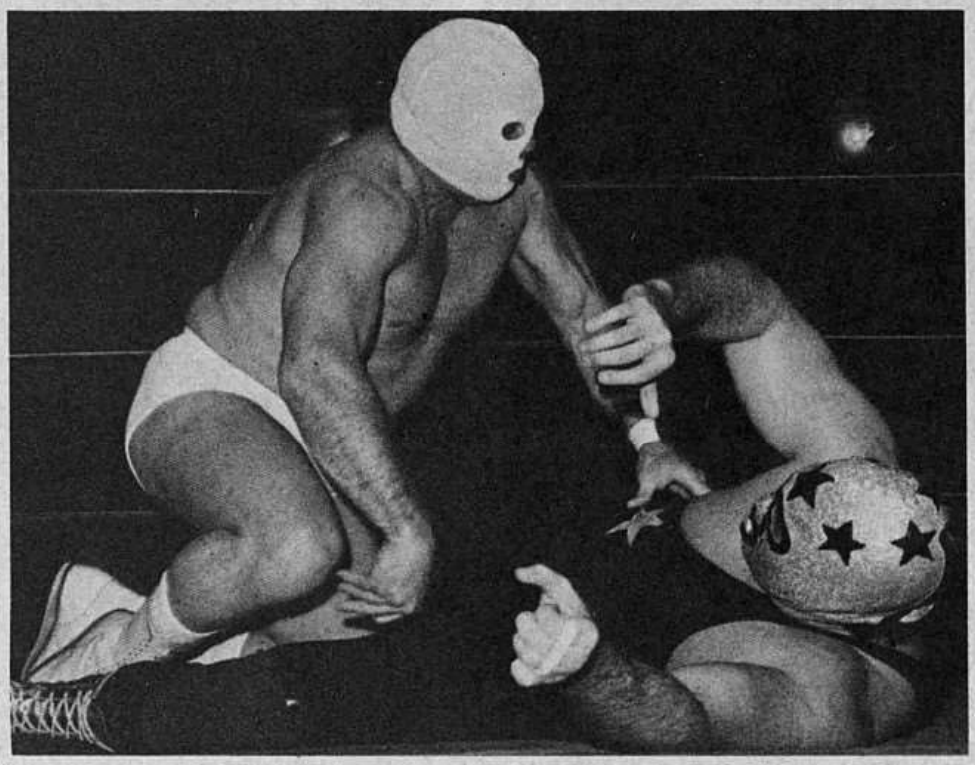
Masked Superstar





The handsome and popular Tim Woods in a dressing room pose (above left). Also known as Mr. Wrestling, Woods tosses Masked Superstar to the mat (above right). Mr. Wrestling appears to have Masked Superstar in trouble on the canvas (below). They wrestled in a loser unmasks bout.



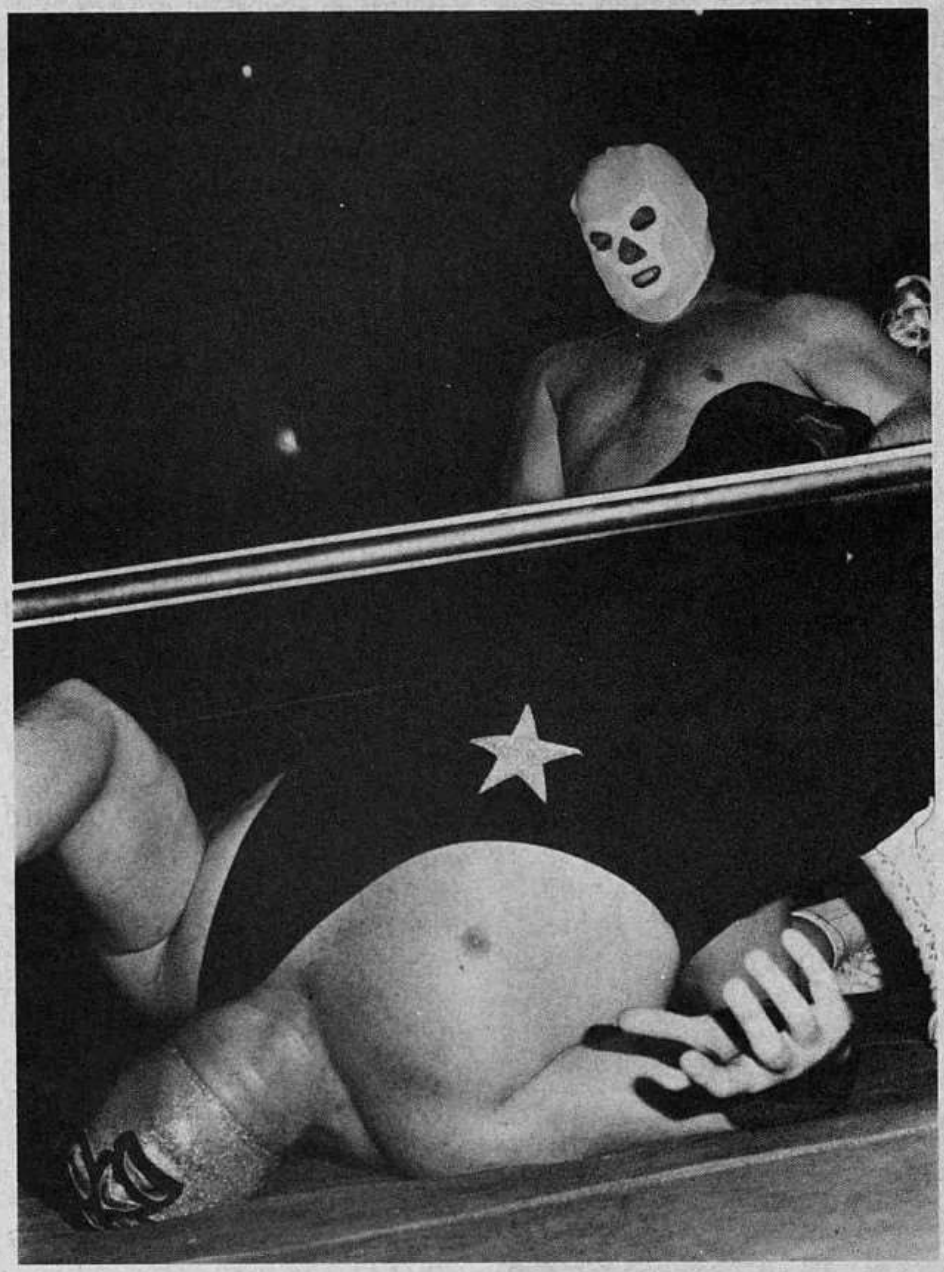
A MATCH IN which the loser *must* unmask is not unique. Each wrestler has an equal risk. Revealing his identity could end a career. For a scientific wrestler, it marks him to every rulebreaker who crawls along a squared circle. To a rulebreaker, a naked face may mean accusations for past crimes against humanity, both in and out of the ring.

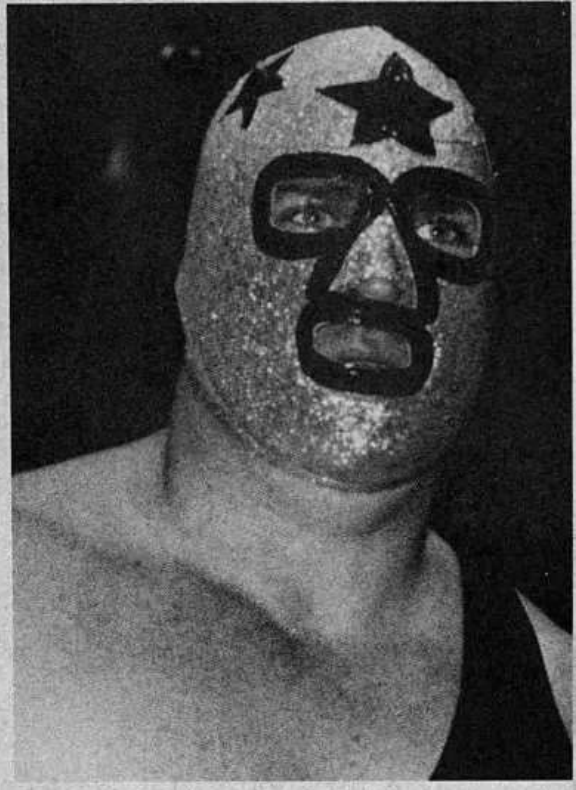
Usually, this type of match is instigated by a rulebreaker. Confident of the outcome, rulebreakers consider such a match instant easy success. Thus, they often unthinkingly accept a "loser unmask" match, especially when offered by a scientific wrestler.

However, it is not always to the rulebreaker's advantage. Sometimes it works both ways. Sometimes a rulebreaker risks all with nothing to gain.

AND THE LOSER

vs. Mr. Wrestling:





The hideous Masked Superstar poses seconds before the match (above). A skillful maneuver applied by Mr. Wrestling has Masked Superstar eating the mat!

Masked Superstar has no idea of the scheme Tim "Mr. Wrestling" Woods had planned. That's why we're willing to bet that Superstar must have a red face under his mask when he found out he was the victim of one of wrestling's most clever tricks

Like the Masked Superstar.

"I'll wrestle a loser unmasks match any time, any place, anywhere in the world," Masked Superstar bellowed.

How about Tim "Mr. Wrestling" Woods?

"Since Masked Superstar is always bragging how he's the greatest masked wrestler in Georgia, I thought we'd settle this once and for all," said Woods.

"By challenging him to a loser unmask bout, one of us will be forced to unmask. Then a real identity will be known," Woods said smilingly.

But Tim, everyone knows who you are. All Georgia knows that Mr. Wrestling is Tim Woods and vice versa. You have

MUST UNMASK!

As both wrestlers vie for position on the canvas, Masked Superstar tries to unmask Mr. Wrestling. But all fans know who Mr. Wrestling is anyway!

nothing to lose if you lose . . . ah-ha!

"If Masked Superstar is as invincible as he claims, he has nothing to fear," Mr. Wrestling winked. "Right?"

Right!

"Any challenge spineless Mr. Negative Wrestling throws down will be eagerly lifted by the Masked Superstar," said the masked madman.

What about the risk, all to lose and nothing to gain?

"When dealing with greatness, there is no risk," Superstar plainly proclaimed.

Foolish, foolish, foolish. Some men allow pride to rule them. In the Masked Superstar's case, it is a fateful mistake. Nevertheless, he went forth in quest of the golden mask. Or unmask.

When word of Woods' tricky challenge trickled through the Georgian wrestling society, chuckles of knowing bemusement were the consensus reaction.

"That Tim Woods is a hustler, I'll tell you," giggled Millie Snow of Macon.

"Masked Superstar thinks he's tough. If Woods loses, so what? Everyone knows who he is. He has nothing to lose. But if Superstar loses . . ." Chester Campbell's voice faded into laughter.

So the titanic struggle would begin. The forces of good, personified by Tim Woods, versus the evil kingdom of the Masked Superstar.

As matches go, it was pretty brutal. But the brutality wasn't at stake here. What counted was the unmasking of the loser.

The outcome of this match was predictable; Woods won by disqualification. Now it was time for Superstar to abide by the terms of the agreement.

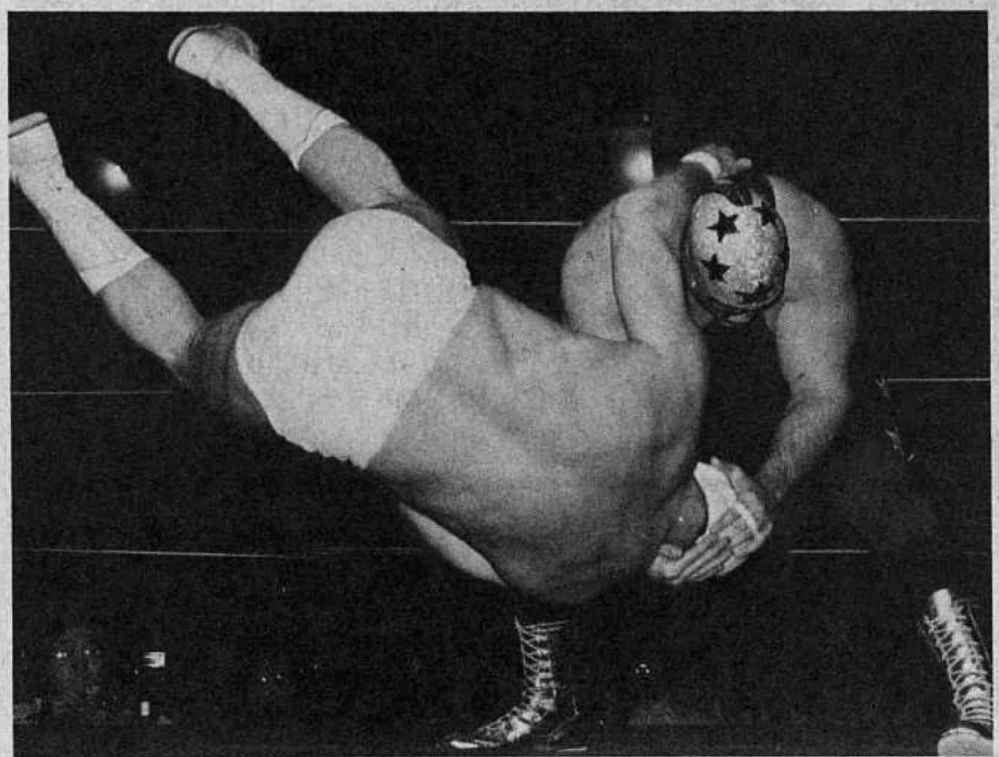
Unmask, sour knight, and let all the world see your horrific mug. Unmask, oh black rider of the night, let the fans see the monster. Unmask, oh villain of the South, let everyone know who you are.

"No, I won't take my mask off. I didn't lose fairly," yelled Masked Superstar as he climbed *backwards* through the ropes.

Fans pelted him with programs and popcorn boxes, merely slowing his retreat, not halting it. When it became apparent that Superstar was breaking the agreement, Woods leaped over the top rope a chased him toward the dressing room.

Just as Woods neared the fleeing villain, he slipped in a pool of water. Another rulebreaker saved. □

Masked Superstar applies a rare skillful maneuver as he flips Mr. Wrestling to the mat. The rulebreaker wrestled fiendishly.



The Andersons Admit

WE LIKE TO CHEAT

Gene and Ole Anderson: two wrestlers who have no scruples whatsoever. Their wrestling styles encompass one basic rule: cheat. They will do whatever they have to in order to gain a victory. Often, this entails injury. Jay Youngblood learned this recently the hard way

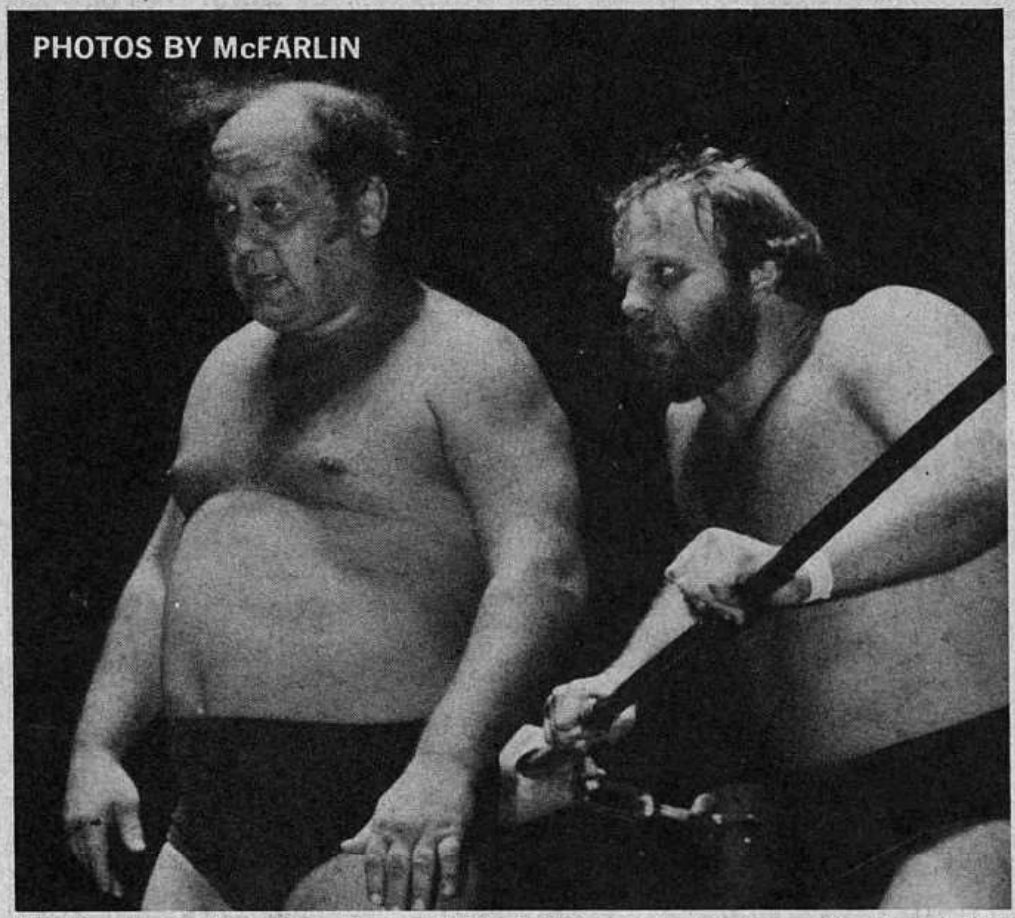
IT WAS A scene which has been repeated often at singles matches in which the Andersons have been involved. Oh, it might not have happened exactly this way all the time, but close enough to warrant a general feeling of disgust and despisal from most fans who happen to witness the events.

Usually it goes something like this: Gene Anderson in the ring. In this case, it was against Jay Youngblood. The match progresses along at a fairly strong pace, but nothing spectacularly brutal or extraordinary yet. Then, Youngblood gains the advantage. Anderson is in trouble. Jay maneuvers Anderson into position, climbs onto the top rope and prepares to deliver the finishing blow when . . .

SMASH!!! Agony. Pain. Aching spasm of brutal torture. Ole Anderson has entered the picture.

At precisely the point where Youngblood was prepared to execute his leap from the top rope, Ole grabbed his leg and caused Jay to fall at a physically awkward angle. So awkward, this time, that Youngblood suffered leg injuries at the hand—literally—of Ole Anderson.

Other times, it is Gene interfering in a match where Ole might be in a little trouble. Or if it's a defense of their NWA tag team belts, all hell is liable to break loose. Unpredictability is the trademark, cheating and deception the common denominators, and victory the ultimate goal.



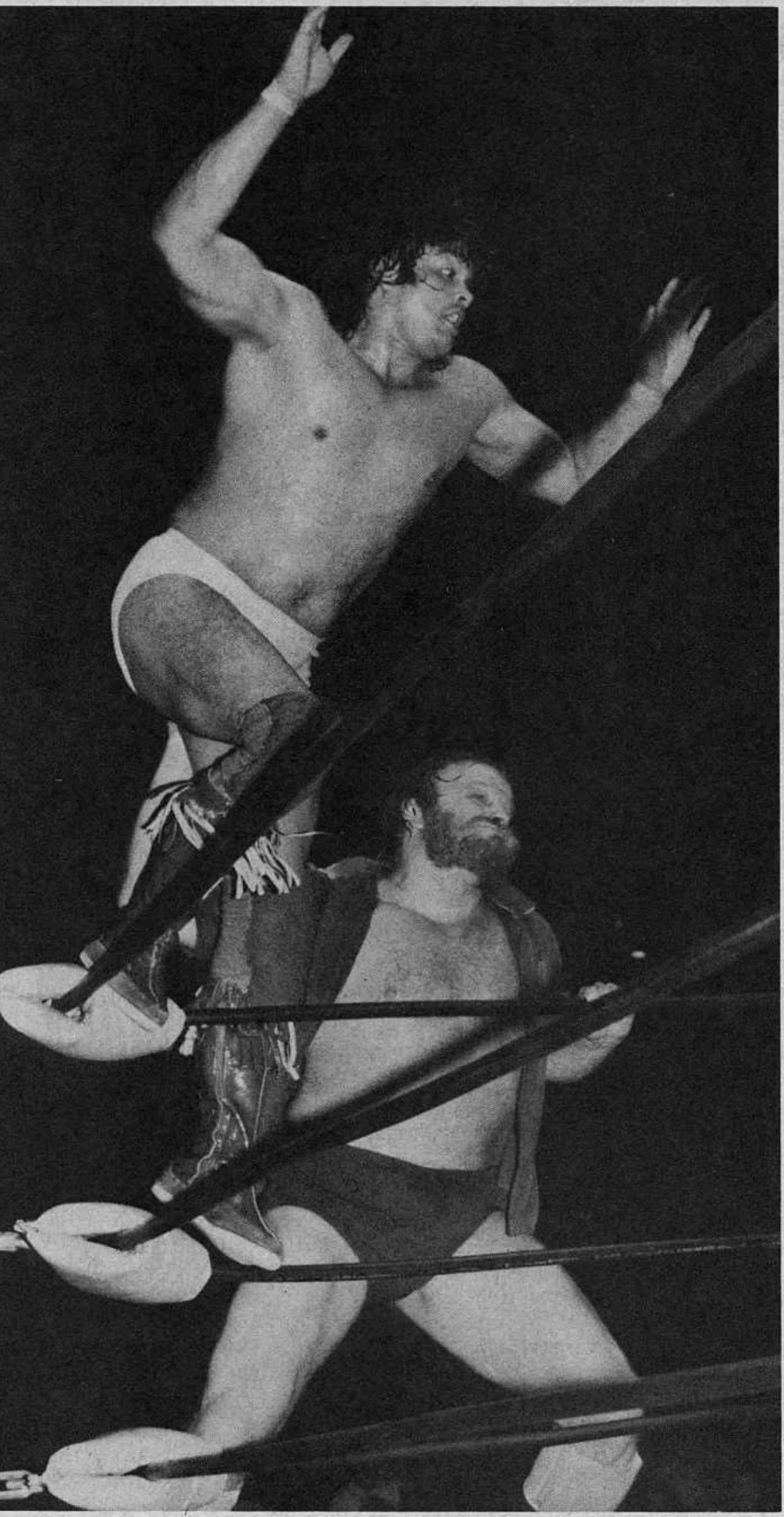
NWA tag team champions Gene and Ole Anderson, glaring across the ring at their opponents, have no intention of following any code of ethics once that bell starts the match.

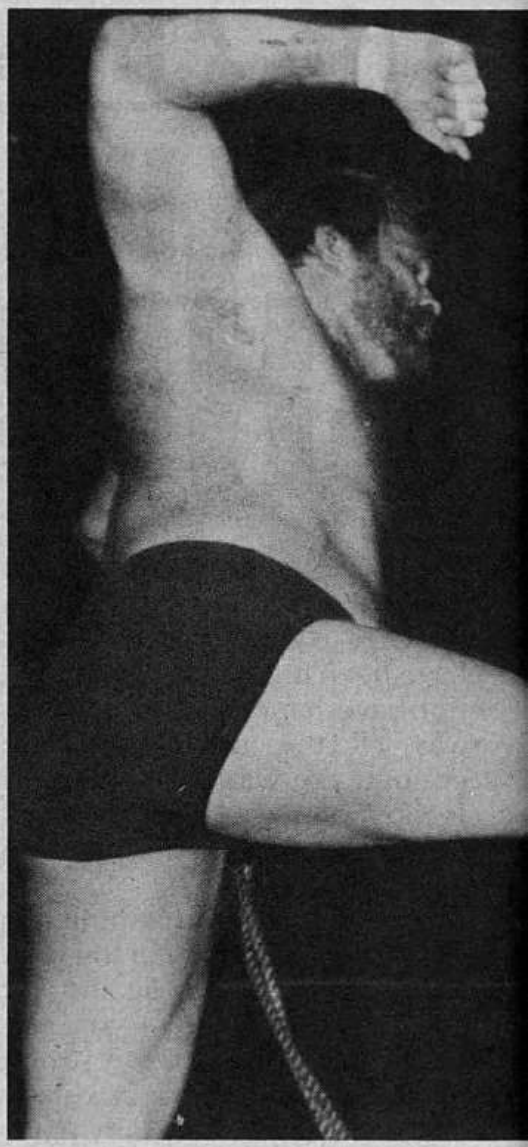
"I really don't care what I have to do to win," said Gene Anderson, "and neither does my brother. If Ole offers to help a little bit, I'm certainly not going to say no. And if my brother is in some trouble, I'll do all that I can to make sure that he wins the match."

Ole Anderson was even more direct in his assessment of the Andersons' wrestling style.

"We like to cheat," he declared. "We don't care. It doesn't matter how you get to the finish line, only that you are the first one to cross it.

"If we're in a tag team match together," continued Ole, "you can bet that we will do anything

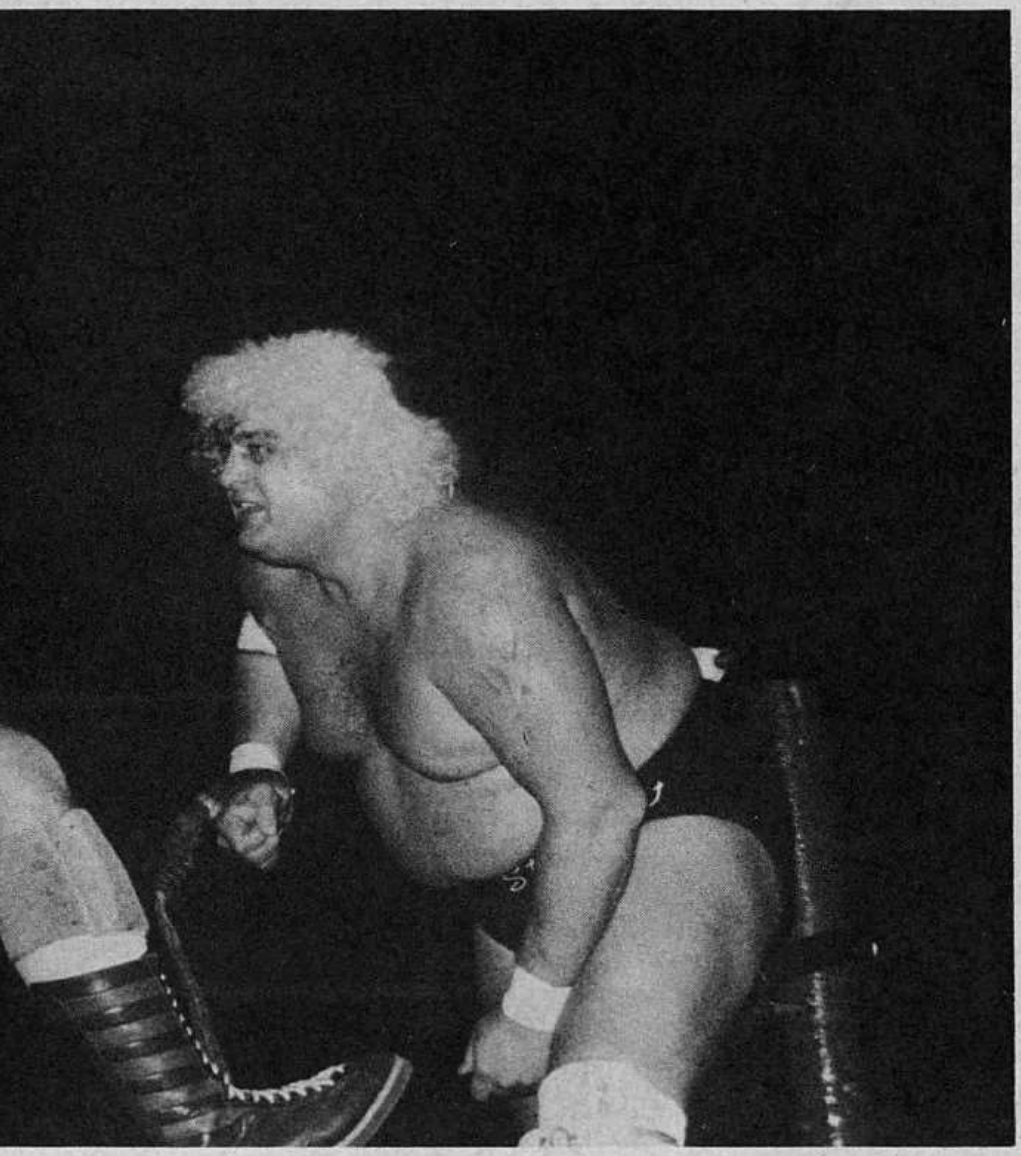


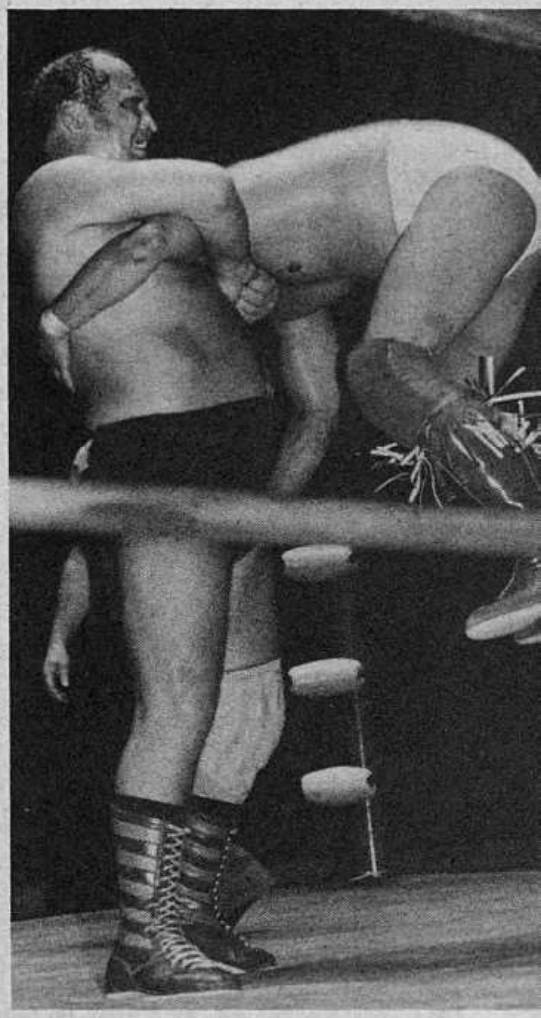


Ole Anderson blatantly interferes with Jay Youngblood as he sets to pounce on brother Gene (left) during a singles match. Even in an anything-goes Bullrope Match, an unwritten law among wrestlers forbids groin kicks. Ole does just that to Dusty Rhodes (above).

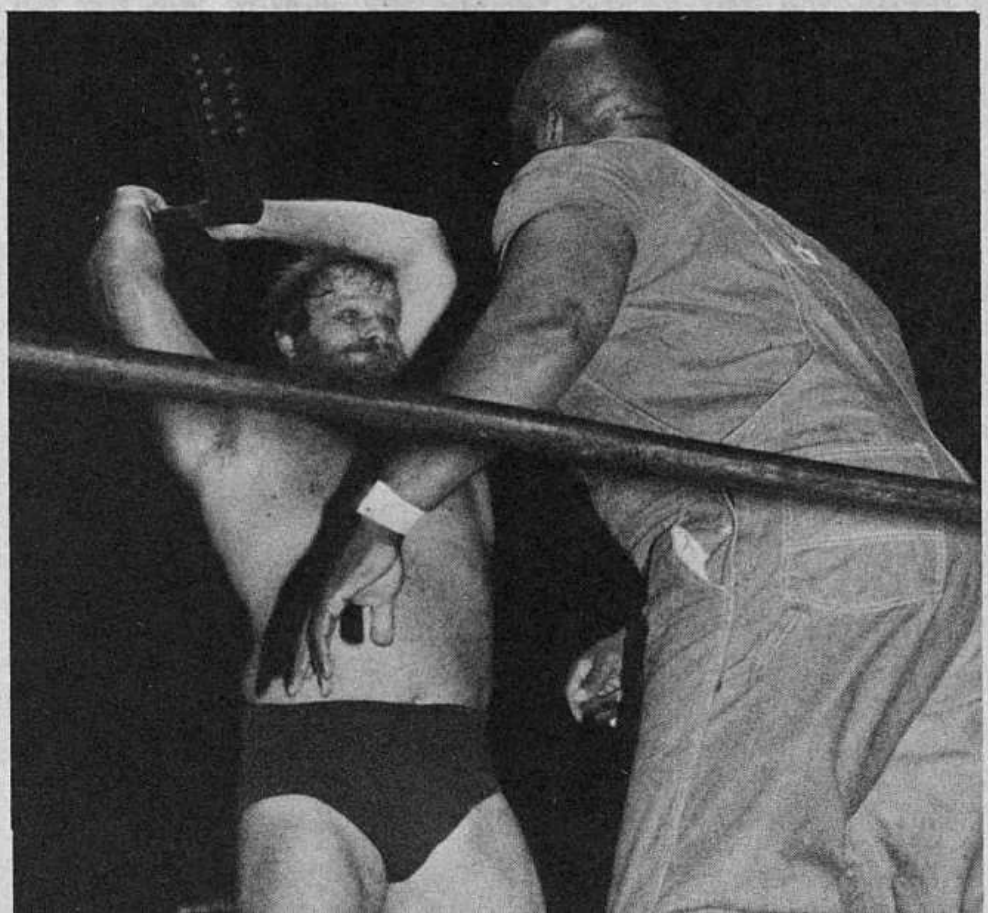
and everything within our power to gain victory in that match and to come out of that ring as winners. We do not like to lose, and when we step into that ring, we do not intend to lose. That's the bottom line."

"What the Andersons are doing is pathetic," said Rick Steamboat. "It's a slap in the face to wrestlers everywhere. To completely disregard the conventions of the sport makes a mockery of the ideas of rules and referees. If everyone was like the Andersons, why even bother to have referees? Why not just let





A suplex is a legal hold. But not when the opponent is suplexed over the top rope and onto the concrete floor as Gene does to Youngblood (above). A look of intense sadism appears on Ole's face as he smashes his tag team championship belt across Bad Leroy Brown's head (left).



them slug it out in an alley someplace? No, I simply can't condone what the Andersons are doing to this sport. I think it's absolutely shameful."

Gene Anderson had an answer to the views of Steamboat.

"We don't care," he said. "That's all, we just don't care. Listen, if you wrestle one of us, you wrestle both of us, and you had better be ready to do so. This isn't a schoolyard we're talking about; this is professional wrestling, this is a man's game, and you'd better be ready to wrestle like a man against two of the strongest and most vicious men in the sport. It's the big leagues, buddy, and don't you

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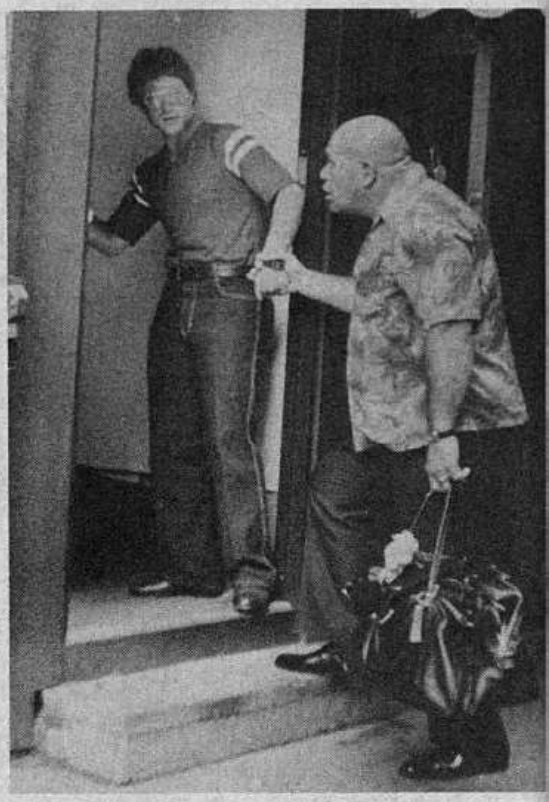
George Steele Goes Berserk



Editor-in-Chief Peter King leads an apprehensive George Steele into our photo studio (above). Once inside, Steele relaxes with his personal turnbuckle (bottom).

LIGHTS, CAMERA, DESTRUCTION!

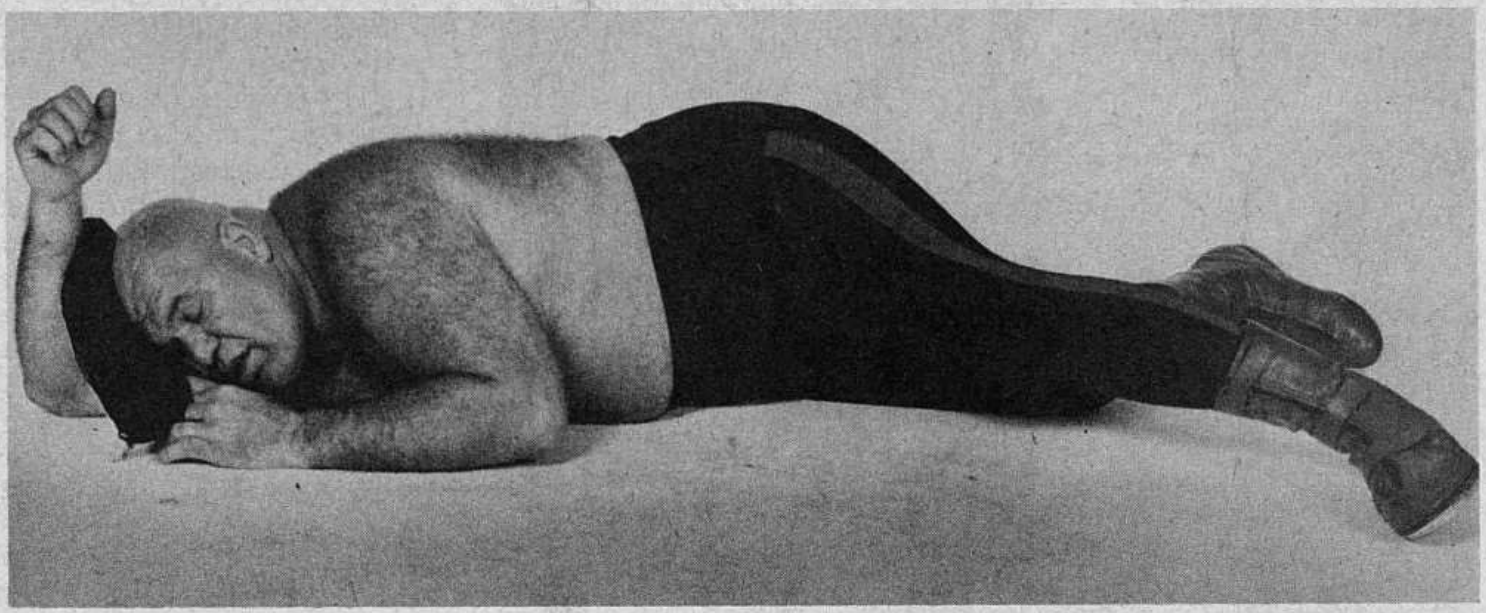
PHOTOS BY BILL APTER

ONE MEMBER OF our staff sent to the emergency ward. Nearly $10,000 in damages. Dozens of man hours required to complete repair. All because George "The Animal" Steele realized it wasn't raining inside our plush Manhattan photo studio.

Say what?!? Something about not raining indoors? It sounds crazy, you say? Okay, so it doesn't make too much sense. If you were there, it would have made frightening sense. Be thankful you weren't.

Even at the outset, everyone was a little uneasy. Under any other circumstances, it would have been a normal photo session: bring the man up to our lavish photo studio in midtown, New York, take the shots we need, and that's that. When it was learned that Steele was to be the subject of the session, though, we realized that this photo session might develop into one that was anything but normal. It did.

At first there was little trouble. George didn't want to leave the street. Apparently he was nervous about what might lurk



behind the doorway to the studio. Editor-in-Chief Peter King explained very carefully that we were just going to take pictures. King led Steele by the hand into the studio, showing him everything that was there and that he had nothing to fear.

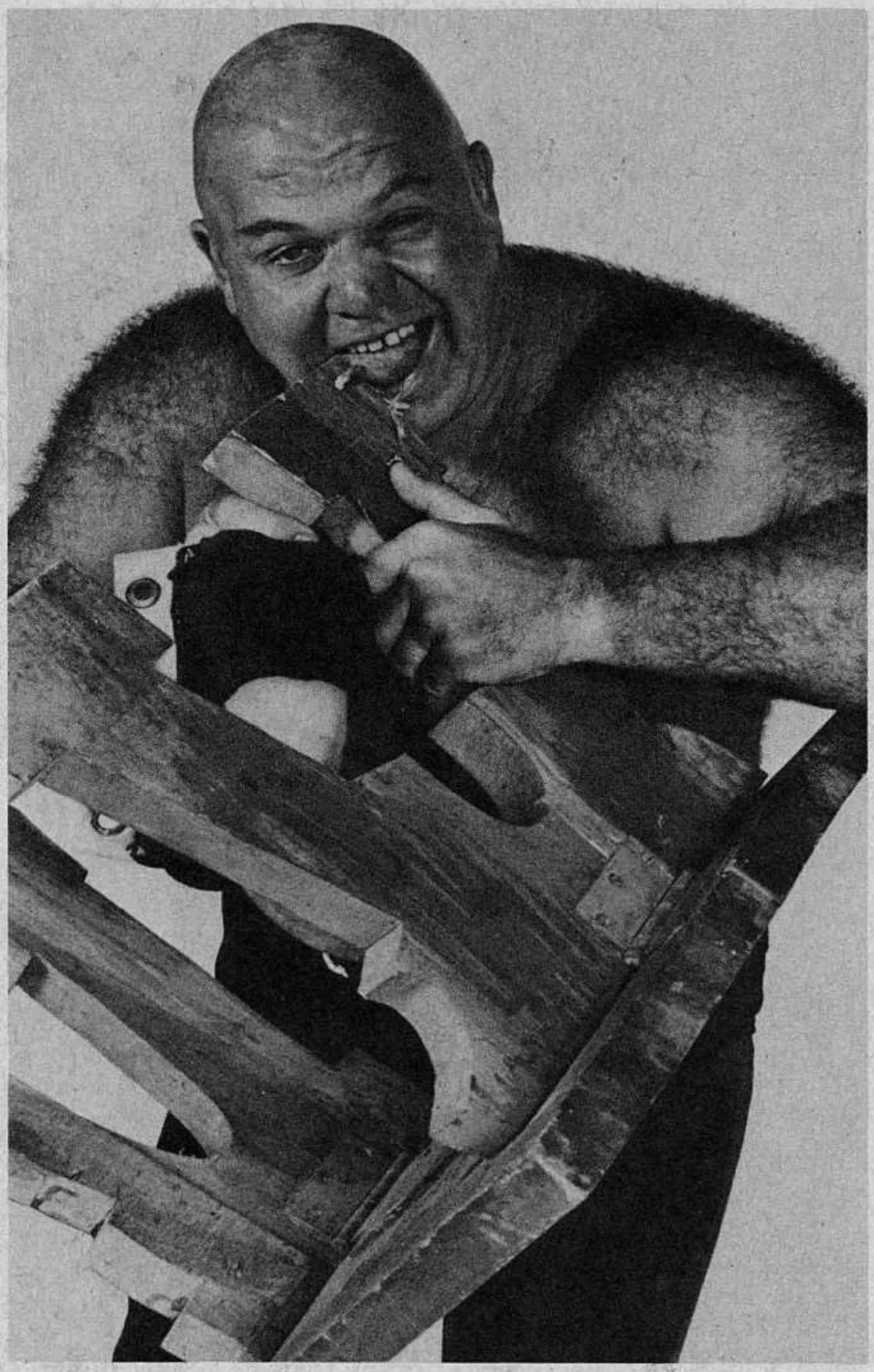
Steele apparently understood, for when he came to the area where the actual photos were to be taken, he made himself quite at home: he fell asleep using the turnbuckle that he always carries with him as a pillow.

It was hoped that Steele could be posed sitting on a stool. Associate Editor Stu Saks volunteered to wake him up and try to get him to sit down quietly. Waking Steele up proved to be no problem, but when Saks attempted to explain to Steele how to pose and what the stool was to be used for, "The Animal" merely glared at him.

When Stu handed the stool to George, he glared at that, too. Then he hollered "FOOD!" and began gnawing frantically on the leg of the chair.

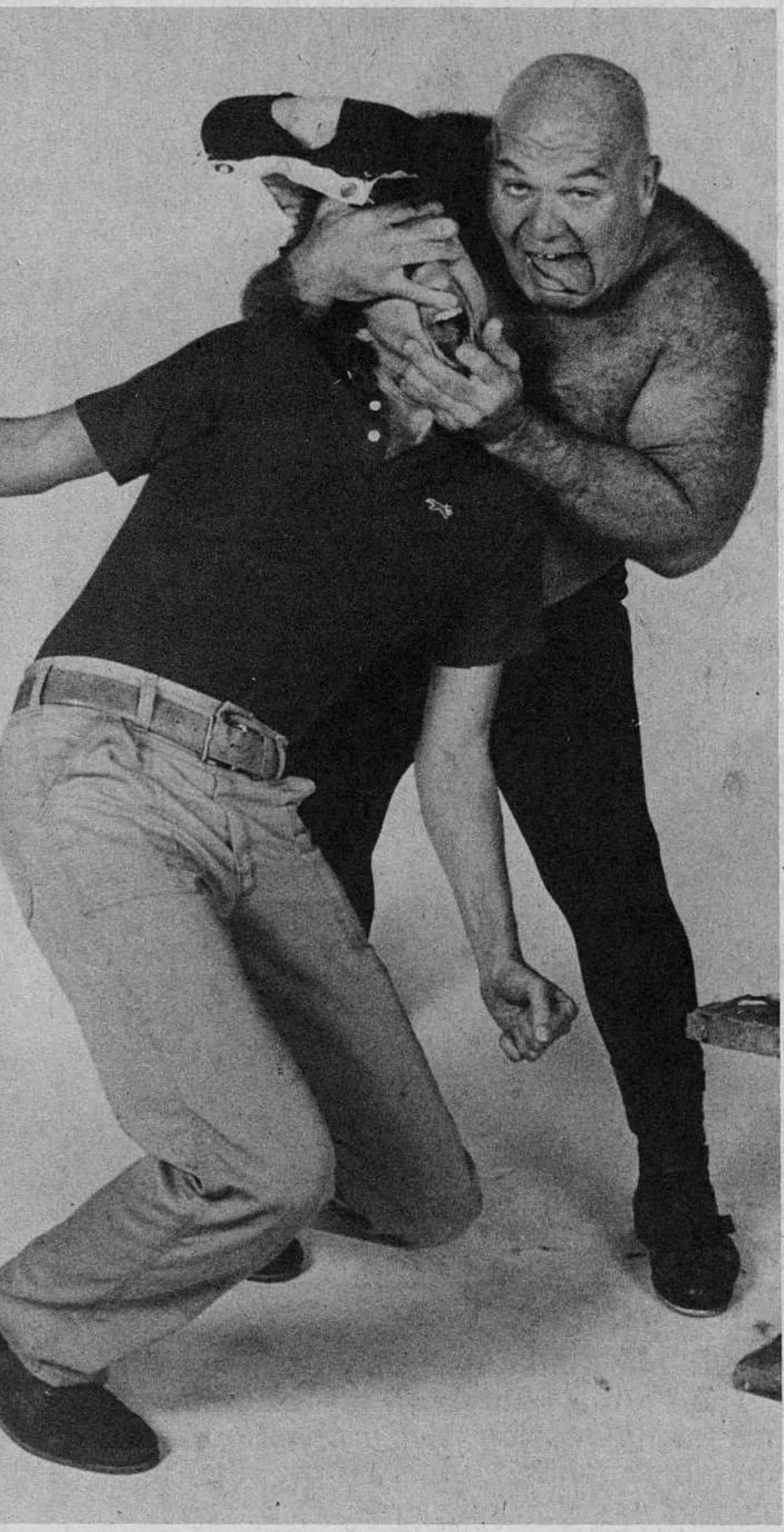
Suddenly, before Saks even had a chance to react, George dropped the stool and grabbed Stu around the head, brutally attempting to rip his lower jaw away from the rest of his face. Saks screamed in unearthly agony and collapsed to the floor. An ambulance was summoned, and Saks was speeded to the hospital emergency room.

Always quick to react in an emergency, Peter King analyzed the situation by a hasty consideration of how Steele himself was thinking, and what



Steele chews right through a wooden bench as he would an opponent's forehead. No one knew exactly how "The Animal" would react in such a controlled environment as a photo studio.

It was an afternoon of stark terror. Three staff members from this magazine traveled to our Manhattan photo studio for a session with George "The Animal" Steele. What resulted was not a peaceful picture taking session, but a chaotic day of destruction and horror which landed one staff member in a midtown hospital



Associate Editor Stu Saks was rushed to the hospital after being attacked by Steele (left). The rain seems to have a calming effect on George (above) until . . .

might in fact calm him down. Peter was able to work at George's level, and came up with a near perfect solution.

Grabbing a nearby umbrella, King opened it up and handed it to Steele, who calmed down with remarkable speed. Gazing to the roof of the studio, King commented to Steele, "too bad it's raining, huh? Could have been a nice day."

Steele gazed out from under the umbrella, apparently disappointed that it was raining. It looked as if Peter had saved the day by calming "The Animal" down.

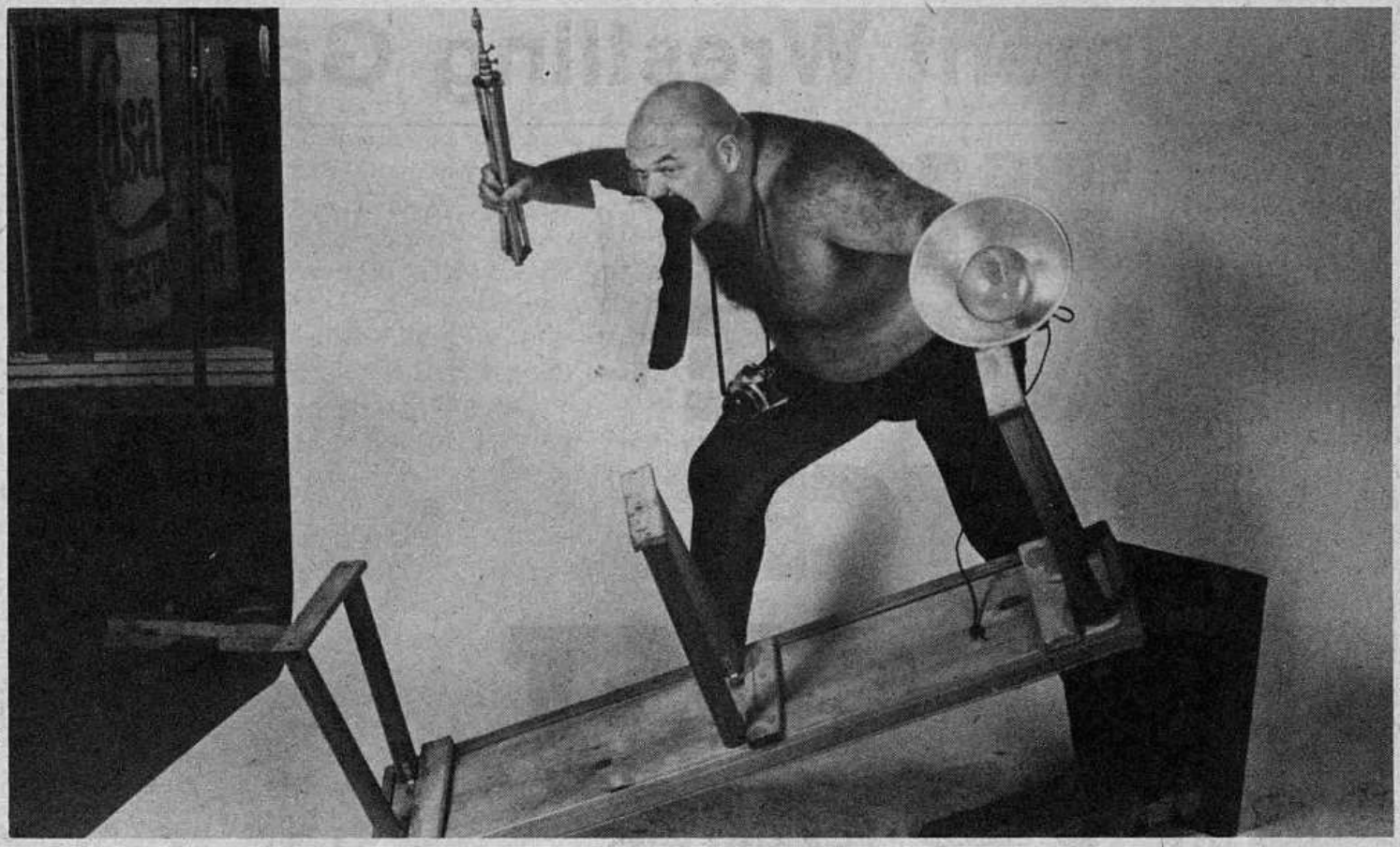
Without warning, a sickly look came across Steele's face and a horrifying noise came out of his mouth.

"NO!" he bellowed, "NO RAIN! NOT NICE! PAY!!!"

All hell broke loose.

Steele began eating everything in sight: the stool, a nearby table, the umbrella, and even his own turnbuckle.

He flung the table into a set of expensive studio lights, ripping



. . . he discovers that it is not raining in the studio. George Steele does not like to be deceived.

one of the bulbs out and eating it in one single bite.

Steele then grabbed one of Bill Apter's cameras away from around his neck. He studied it for a swift moment, seemed fascinated by the shiny lens, then bit it and flung it to the floor.

Pictures of the rest of the rampage do not exist, for what Steele had done was to rip Apter's other camera away from his neck and destroy that, as well as three other expensive cameras that were in the studio. All available cameras had been destroyed.

He then continued on to rip the backdrop to shreds, toss a table through a window, and tear down two florescent light fixtures. It was all that King and Apter could do to direct Steele to the door and out into the street.

No one knows what happened once Steele was let loose in midtown . . . perhaps New York City police records show some indication of activity that afternoon. All King and Apter knew was that he was gone, and they sat down exhausted, surveying the damage.

Suddenly they remembered: Saks! A quick taxi ride to the hospital revealed that Saks had suffered torn muscles in the jaw and the neck, and would have to wear a brace for at least six weeks. Thankful that he was still alive, King and Apter slowly walked back to the studio to begin the long cleanup process.

On the way back, they did not speak to each other. Both of them did, however, make the same silent vow: this would be the last time *ever* that they get that close to George "Animal" Steele. The next time, they might not be so lucky. □

Apartment Wrestling Gamble

THE SAVAGE MATCH THAT COST MILLIONS

LIKE A PENITENT fingering the rosary, Roy Maxie rolled the dice in his pocket. Momentarily, he considered taking them out and using them in this crap game. They were his lucky dice, lucky because the shaved corners made it almost certain they would always roll seven.

A slight flicker of a smile flitted across Maxie's face as he realized what would happen if he used these doctored dice. The men in the game weren't the type of guys who take cheating with a smile. It's hard to throw dice if your fingers are broken.

So Maxie took the dice from a guy called Anorexic Abe and rolled them. A second later, when the dice added up to seven, Roy was $27,000 richer.

Picking up his money, Maxie left the illegal casino and walked out into the Los Angeles streets. He walked a block and then jumped into a limousine. The car roared down Sunset Boulevard, heading toward the freeway entrance. Inside, Maxie laughed uproariously. He leaned forward and took a bottle of Scotch from the bar. He took a full swig from the bottle and then opened the window. A second later, $27,000 in bills of various denominations were floating along Sunset Boulevard.

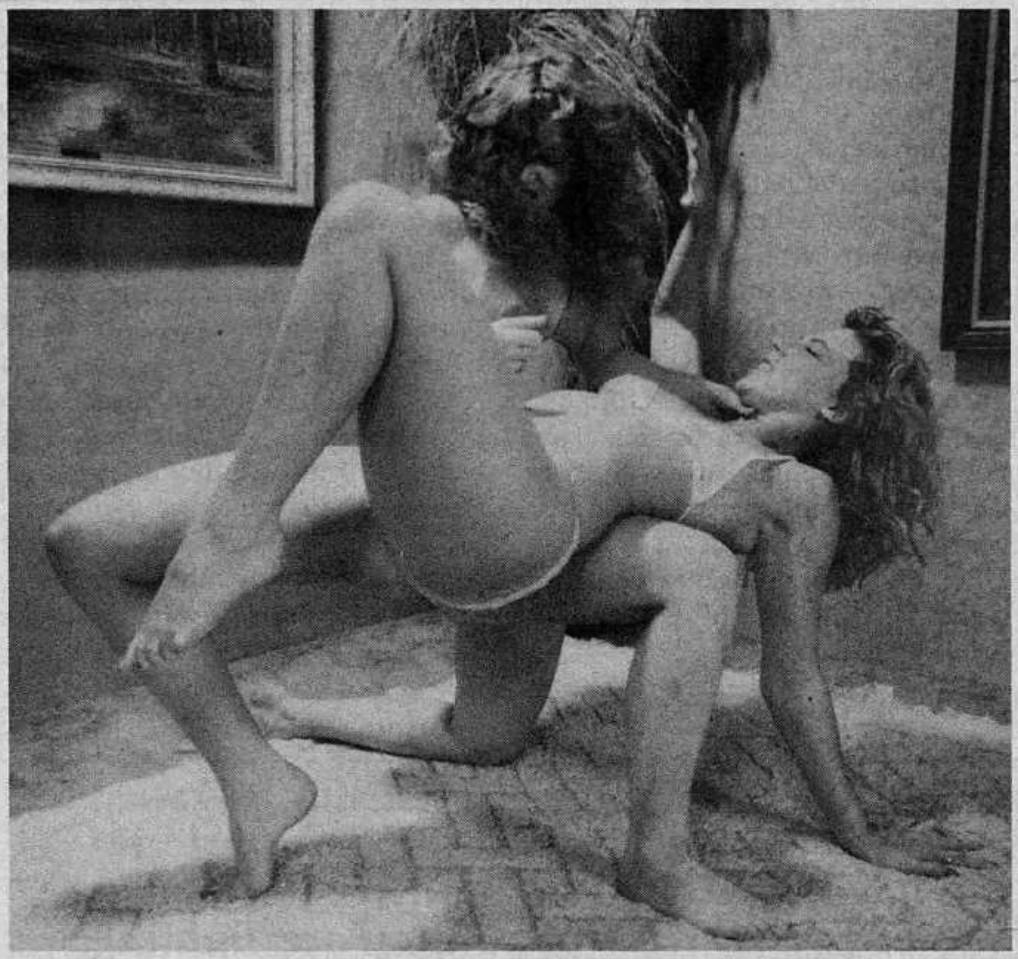
Maxie leaned back and downed another swig. It was a matter of pride to him that he never kept his winnings. He gambled for the sheer pleasure of it; caring about money only corrupted the purity of the game. People who are born rich can have these kinds of principles.

Maxie is the kind of guy who always had money and never bothered to find out where it came from. His father moved to Los Angeles in the 1920s, met some influential people determined to become multi-millionaires, and joined their group. No one, including the authorities that supposedly investigated them, knows how this group made its many millions. Roy made the mistake of once asking.

"Son," his father replied,

Little did lovely Leda know that her apartment wrestling against Maud was worth nearly $1 million to bettors around the country. Nor would she have cared had she known. When two apartment wrestlers are engaged in combat, they are fighting for something more important than money. They are fighting for their lives

Wrapping her leg around one thigh and pulling back on the other, Leda viciously spread-eagles her helpless foe (above). Maud's beautiful face cringes as Leda shoves an open right hand into her jaw (opposite left).



A knee in the back, a hand on the throat, and a fist to the belly, Maud's attack on Leda was excruciating and well-planned (above). The voluptuous Leda would not allow Maud to sustain her attack. Mounting her opponent's back and twisting her arms behind her, Leda forces Maud's face into the rug (below).

"you've got a choice. You can know how I got the money and never sleep peacefully again. Or you can remain ignorant and enjoy this fortune for the rest of your life."

Maxie didn't have to think about it. He never said another word and kept taking the money. Looking back on it, Maxie has to admit it's been a good life all in all. Those stock dividends just keep on coming.

The only thing that amuses Maxie is gambling. For him, there is really no risk; that isn't what appeals to him. He would be willing to play for no money at all, but money makes the other players take the game much more seriously. Money is then just a tool to improve the quality of play.

By the time the car headed along the freeway, Maxie's attention was focused on his most daring gamble, one that would take place within the week.

It had taken a lot of work. He had to find two perfectly matched women. They must be alike in almost every detail. Neither could be visibly superior in any respect. These two women would be apartment wrestlers.

Maxie chuckled to himself as he drove along. After months, he had discovered Leda and Maud. Both women had wavy blonde hair, willowy bodies, and cold determination. From certain angles, they looked like twins. In a match, locked in combat, it would be impossible to guess which woman would emerge victorious. That's just the way Roy wanted it. This would be the perfect gamble.

Finding the women may have been the hardest part, but it certainly didn't end there. Maxie spent a month traveling across the country, visiting the more adventurous apartment wrestling spectators. He made bets from $2,000 up to $75,000, putting all his money on Leda. There was no reason he should pick this

woman—he might just as easily have chosen Maud—and that's why this gamble so appealed to him. When it was all over, Maxie had laid down $753,944 in bets.

What Maxie didn't know, wouldn't know until the scandal was revealed, was that other people were also placing bets. These were not being laid down by gentlemen in love with the sport. These were men who wanted to win because they wanted money. They placed all their money on Leda, because they knew this match wasn't as even as it seemed.

Their choice was not made on a whim. First, they knew if anything went wrong, they would be protected by being associated with Maxie (how wrong they were!) However, they decided to protect their bet.

They hired a top wrestling coach to teach Leda. The young lady was told her opponent would also get training. This was a lie, but how was Leda to know? The beautiful blonde worked long and hard to learn from her instructor. In their last session, he taught her how to finish a match. It was the kind of finish that puts opponents in hospitals. Caught up in the bloodlust of approaching battle, Leda learned her lesson well.

As for Maud, the young woman found herself the object of attention but no training. Those who bet on her wrote her letters, gave her well meant but foolish advice, and promised to give her half of their winnings if she should emerge victorious. Maud has been around for awhile and knew those promises would vanish as soon as the guys got their hands on the money.

Money never meant that much to her, anyway. A long time ago she made her peace with the fact that wealth wasn't in her future. What she could get was thrills, experiences most people don't dare to dream about. She made her share of mistakes, suffered more than a beautiful woman should, but most of the wounds had healed. All the scars were on the inside.

The night of the match arrived. People all over the country focused their attention on a mansion in Los Angeles. In the home of a wealthy industrialist, more than 200 anxious spectators waited for the match to begin. The only calm person was Roy Maxie. He'd had all his fun placing the bets. For him, the actual contest was anticlimactic.

The two women entered the room. Maud wore a purple bikini; Leda was in white. The tension was so thick that the house shook from spectators nervously tapping their feet. When the signal was given for them to begin, many jumped up from their seats.

Maud rushed at her foe. Leda

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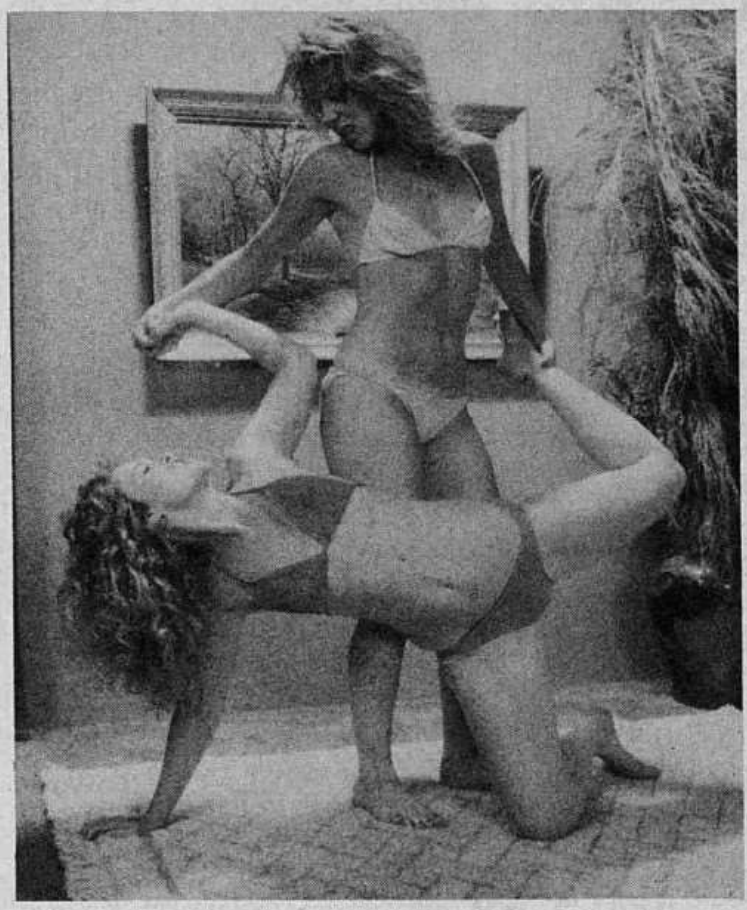

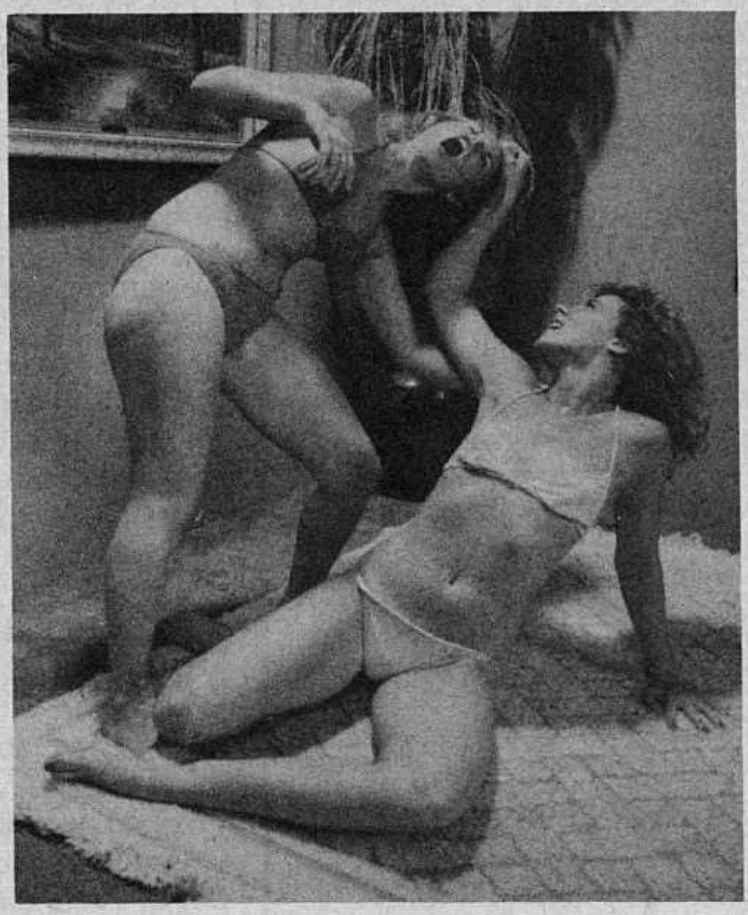

Leda received professional training in apartment wrestling sadism, which she proudly displays, yanking Maud's arm and leg back while planting a knee in the small of her back (above left) and ripping away at the blonde's flowing hair (above right).

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THE TATTLER

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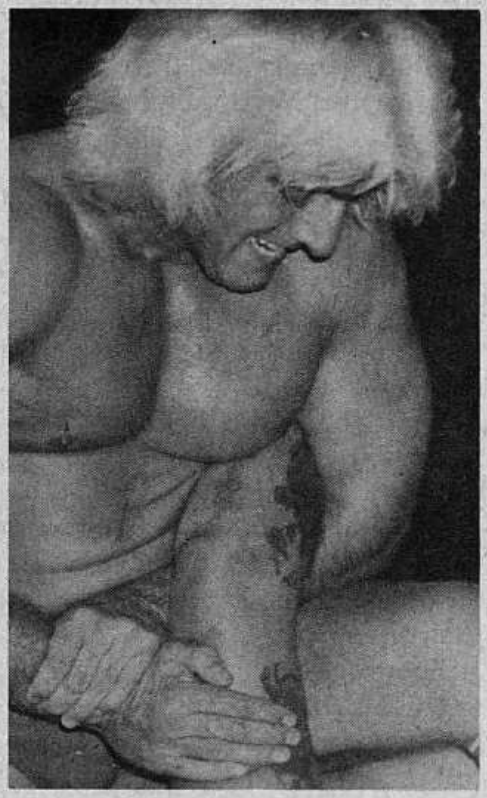
"Why would someone say this?" Brown wondered. "Rick is my friend, my brother. What type of person would try and make trouble between me and Rick?"

His questions remained unanswered while he mindlessly toyed with the ripped letters with his boot. "Someone in this territory is afraid of my teaming with Ricky," Brown declared, standing up. "First, I hear all this garbage that I'm gonna turn on Rick. After I proved that would never happen, now I start getting letters that Rick is gonna turn on me. I think someone knows Rick and me are a real threat to the rulebreakers around here. But whoever it is, he can save his paper and his ink. I'm not leaving Rick and he's not leaving me. We're gonna be champions."

As Brown left the dressing room, I tried to think who would want to cause a rift between him and Steamboat. Just then, the NWA tag team champions, the Anderson brothers, walked down the corridor outside. Suddenly, like one plus one equals two, it all added up.

—Carl Salinger

ST. LOUIS, MO: A surprising display of public opinion has arisen against NWA champion Dusty Rhodes here in the St. Louis area. Former world champion Pat O'Connor, while not exactly a fan of Ric Flair, feels that Flair nevertheless has what it takes to dethrone the American Dream.



RIC FLAIR

"Flair can really wrestle, it's that simple," said O'Connor. "I don't really admire Flair for anything he does, in fact there are a lot of things about his style I don't like. But just watching him wrestle . . . well, you gotta respect him, no matter how you feel about his roughhouse style."

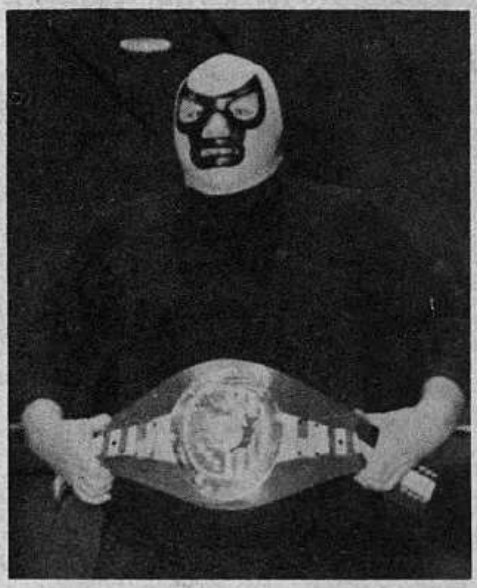
O'Connor predicted that of all challengers, Flair may in fact have the best chance of unseating Rhodes. "All I can say right now is that in my opinion, Rhodes had better watch out," he said.

—Buddy Ford

TAMPA, FL: Controversy continues to brew as Assassin #1 still claims that he has defeated Dusty Rhodes and that the masked rulebreaker is the rightful holder of the NWA championship.

"I held Dusty Rhodes' shoulders to the mat for a period of no less than seven seconds," Assassin #1 claims. "Having thusly defeated Rhodes in a championship match, I am hereby claiming the NWA heavyweight title."

Those words sparked off a massive series of debates about the validity of Assassin #1's claim to the title.



ASSASSIN #1

According to spokesmen within the Assassin's camp, the claim is valid and should be recognized by the NWA. According to people associated with Dusty Rhodes, Assassin's claim is absurd.

A settlement may be forthcoming. Operatives for both the Assassin and for Rhodes are attempting to uncover videotapes of the match in question. It is hoped that from this source, a determination can be made as to whether any rules were broken by the Assassin #1 in his quest for the title, or if in fact the American Dream was pinned for a minimum of seven seconds.

In the meantime, the debates rage on.

—Barry Simon □

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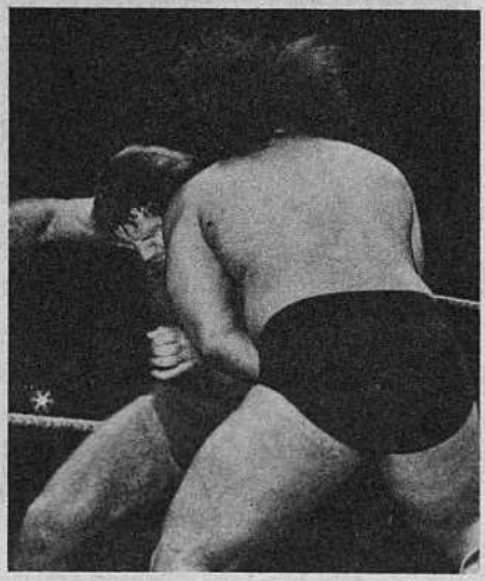
Bruiser Brody came within a foot of taking Bruno Sammartino's WWF crown at Madison Square Garden. After a furious battle, Bruno was captured in a corner and snared in a pin position by Brody. The referee counted Bruno out and awarded the belt to Brody. Ringside judges, however, pointed out to the referee that Brody had used the ropes for leverage, and the referee reversed his decision . . . Another decision reversal was less to the fans' liking. After Dusty Rhodes seemingly captured the Mid-Atlantic championship from



Bruno Sammartino and Bruiser Brody collide coming off the ropes. Brody later illegally pinned Bruno and was given the WWF belt, but ringside officials overturned the decision.

then-hated Ric Flair, the commissioners determined after a film study that Wahoo McDaniel had illegally aided the referee, who had been injured during the melee . . . Despite Mr. Fuji's effort to blind Alberto Madril with a handful of salt, the Mexican emerged victorious in a 14-man, $12,000 Battle Royal in Sacramento, California. Other top names in the Battle Royal included Pedro Morales, Tony Garea, Pat Patterson, and Haystacks Calhoun . . . Greg Gagne and Jim Brunzell went into special training for an upcoming crack at the AWA tag team belts held by Black-

One of the most unlikely tag teams ever, Bulldog Brower and Mighty Igor, climbed to the number 10 position in the ratings. Many said the team would not be able to stay together, and it didn't.

jack Lanza and Bobby Duncum . . . Hard feelings developed between former NWA kings Jack Brisco and Pat O'Connor when Jack learned that O'Connor was advising Terry Funk . . . Greg Valentine had a major falling out with tag team partner Ray Candy and returned to the world of rulebreaking . . . Eddie Graham was selected NWA president . . . The wrestling world wondered how long the team of Mighty Igor and Bulldog Brower would last . . . NWA champion Terry Funk used the bottom rope for leverage to take the third and deciding fall from challenger Jose Lothario . . . Despite a vicious cut, Bulldog Bob Brown wrestled the Central States title away from Harley Race . . . WWF RATINGS: 1-Bruno Sammartino; 2-Stan Stasiak; 3-Nikolai Volkoff; 4-Bruiser Brody; 5-Stan Hansen; 6-Chief Jay Strongbow; 7-Bobo Brazil; 8-Ivan Putski; 9-Tor Kamata; 10-Billy White Wolf. NWA RATINGS: 1-Terry Funk; 2-Jack Brisco; 3-Dusty Rhodes; 4-Blackjack Mulligan; 5-Mr. Wrestling II; 6-Mil Mascaras; 7-Chief Jay Strongbow; 8-Ivan Putski; 9-Billy Robinson; 10-Wahoo McDaniel. AWA RATINGS: 1-Nick Bockwinkel; 2-Verne Gagne; 3-Billy Robinson; 4-Peter Maivia; 5-Mad Dog Vachon; 6-Baron Von Raschke; 7-Bobby Duncum; 8-Blackjack Lanza; 9-Greg Gagne; 10-Chris Taylor. TAG TEAMS: 1-The Anderson Brothers; 2-The Executioners; 3-Bobby Duncum & Blackjack Lanza; 4-Bob Backlund & Steve Keirn; 5-Chief Jay Strongbow & Billy White Wolf; 6-The Valiant Brothers; 7-Goliath & Black Gordman; 8-The Mongols; 9-Phil Hickerson & Dennis Condrey; 10-Mighty Igor & Bulldog Brower. □

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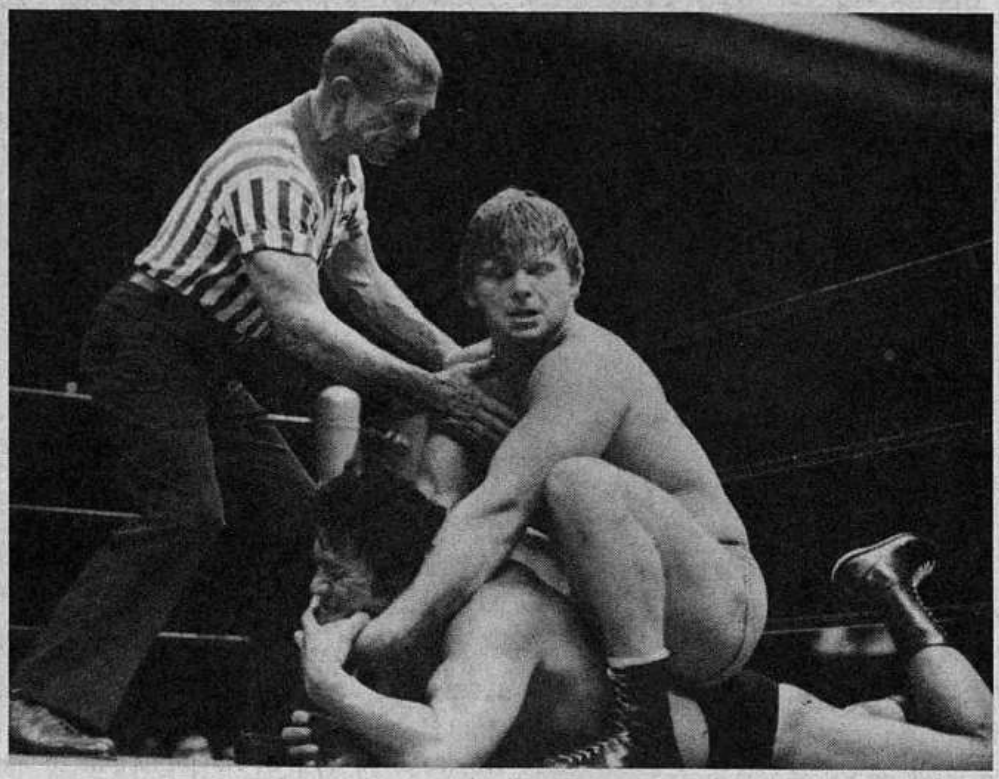

Reader Candi Dohler refutes a letter by David Bitet calling WWF champion Bob Backlund (battling Inoki) a "bad example" and a "cheater." Backlund, Dohler writes, gives wrestling a good name.

wrestle scientifically and still win great victories. A lot of rulebreakers know that if they don't cheat, they won't win. All a lot of people want to see is cheating wrestlers. But I plan to support Backlund all the way.

KATHY ARATA
Riverdale, MD

I was just reading a recent "Mailbag" and I saw a very rotten and untrue letter from David Bitet about Bob Backlund. This letter said that Backlund is a "bad example" and a "cheater." Well look here, Mr. Bitet, Bob Backlund might have made a few mistakes in his career, but he has definitely made up for them. Bob Backlund is not only a great example, but he is a great champion and will remain that way for a long time. None of Blassie's, Albano's, or The Grand Wizard's men can ever defeat Bob Backlund.

Bob Backlund has taken a lot of punishment to get where he is, and he deserves a lot of credit for it. And if anyone gives wrestling a good name, it is Bob Backlund.

CANDI DOHLER
Ridgewood, NY

SAD TALE

I was greatly saddened by the tale of the referee who had to retire in protest of the beatings he and his fellow referees have taken from some wrestlers in "We Accuse" (November/1981).

No other sport tolerates such animalistic behavior; I don't see why wrestling does. It just seems to me that the sport is being intimidated by a group of thugs, and the referees are the ones that are paying the price. These animals should have their wrestling licenses revoked before they force another honest, hard-working referee out of the sport.

RENALDO BRADLEY
Houston, TX ☐

Ken Patera

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state of Georgia. The fans down here love me, they adore me, they look up to me as a hero.

Then a slob comes along . . . a *champion* slob . . . like Rhodes, and of course my millions of fans demand that I meet this guy in the ring. So I say "okay," and I agree to the match.

Then I get into the ring with this supposed champion, and he runs away from me. That's ridiculous. It's so shabby, I don't even want to be seen in the same ring with the man. To even be seen wrestling Dusty, to be seen in the same photo with this guy is a disgrace to me. I don't like to be seen stooping to his level in any way, shape, or form.

Not only is it a disgrace to me personally, but it is a slap in the face to all my loving fans who want to see Ken Patera wrestle at his best every time, all the time.

How can I be at my best when the man I'm supposed to be wrestling turns tail and scurries out under the ropes like some sort of scared animal? How can I give my fans what they want when I have nobody to wrestle, when the only men in the ring are myself and the referee? Do you have any idea how ridiculous that looks?

What astounds me is that not only does this make me look bad, but take a look at your champion, people. Take a look at the American Nightmare.

It's shameful enough that Dusty Rhodes feels that he has to escape my superior wrestling ability by a blatant show of cowardice. It's even worse, though, that he revels in that fact, feeling no shame either for himself or for those brain-washed idiots who call themselves his fans.

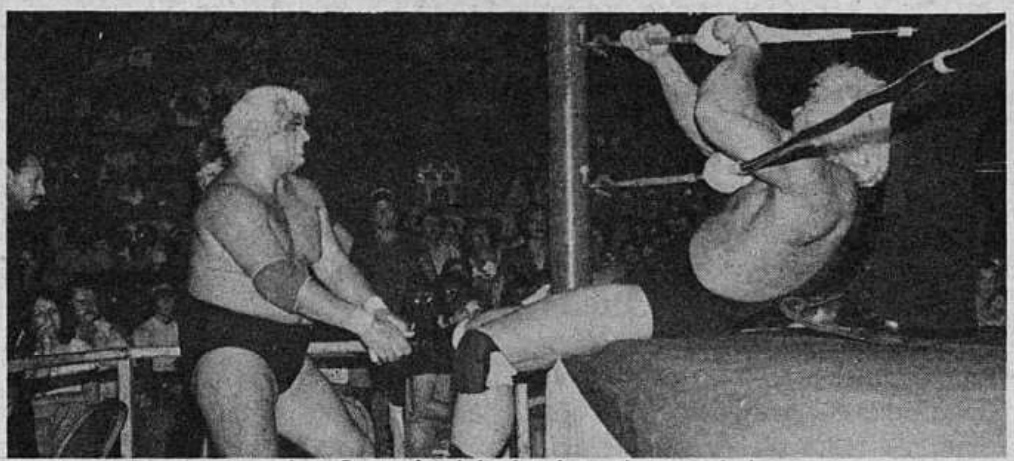
I don't know who to feel sorrier for, the colossus of Rhodes or his brain-damaged fans. Rhodes deserves to be despised because he has no conscience, he has no self-respect. This is not the kind of man who deserves to be champion.

On the other hand, these people who call themselves his fans have convinced themselves that Rhodes is really a champion.

I pose this question to each and every fan of this great sport of professional wrestling, and I challenge each and every fan to think long and hard about their answer to this question:

Is Dusty Rhodes the kind of man you want to represent the ideal of a "champion?"

The answer should be obvious. □



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MORALES - BACKLUND

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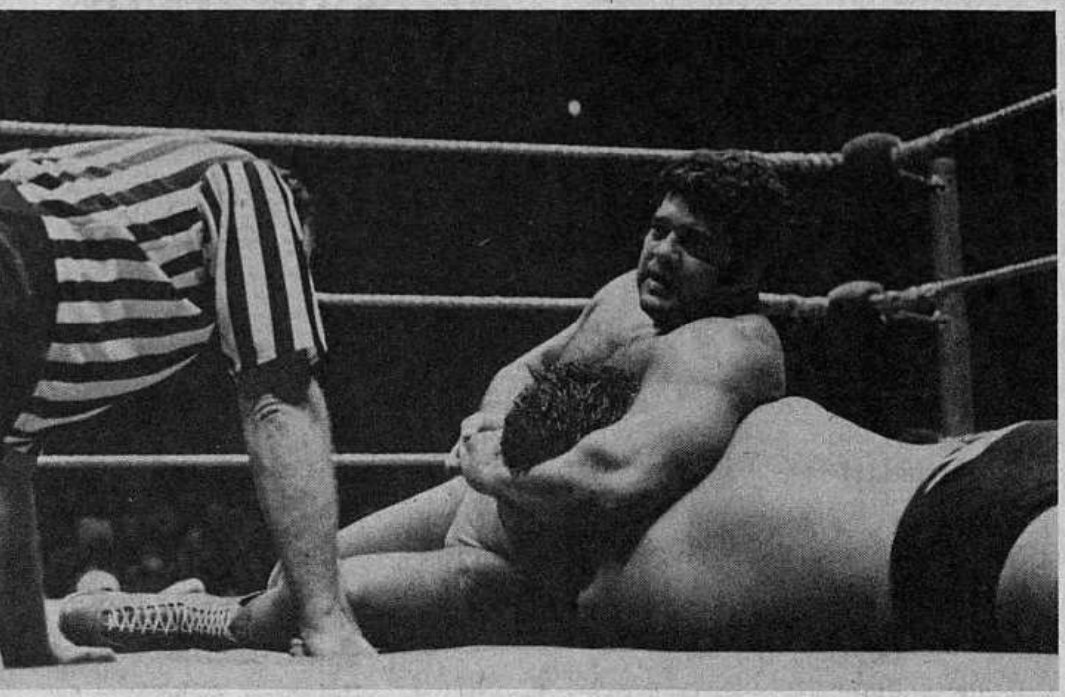
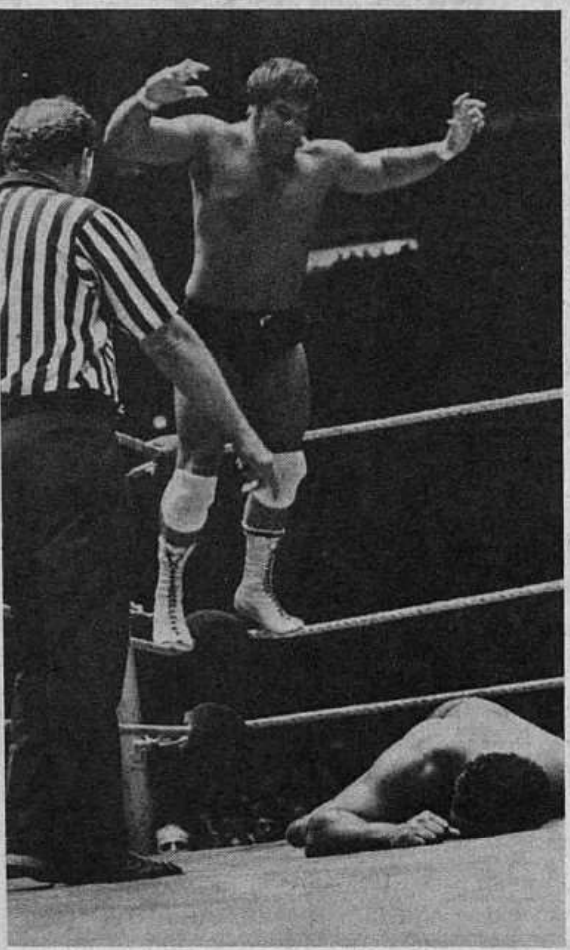


Morales takes the advantage briefly (above), but for the most part, Muraco was in control throughout this defense of his Intercontinental title. The "Magnificent One" drops upon a prone Morales from the turnbuckle (below).



you right now, he's as bad as any of them and worse than most.

"Do you know what the worst part about Baby-boy Backlund is?" asked the Wizard. "It's his stupidity. I make no bones about the fact that my man will soon strip Backlund of the WWF title. I tell everyone that very soon, Magnificent will show the world what a champion is made of. Do you think Backlund pays any heed to my words? Do you think he prepares himself against what I know is coming towards him? Of course not.

"He is so stupid," continued Wizard, "that he doesn't pay any attention to my warnings. Well, this is my final warning, Bobby-boy, you'd better be prepared, because your time is just about up."

Muraco just smiled, saying nothing. Even with his dark sunglasses on, you could tell his eyes were filled with fire.

In the ring against Morales, Muraco was equally cool. Utilizing a devastating series of flying elbowsmashes, leg kicks and headlocks, "Magnificent" soon emerged from the ring a victor. A victor, yes, but not without applying his particularly brutal Asiatic spike to the throat of Morales.

Back in the dressing room after the match, Muraco was soft-spoken but highly confident. Wearing his sunglasses, he smiled as he spoke.

"You know, I was truly up to my name out there tonight," said Muraco, "I was truly 'Magnificent.' But I want everybody to remember this, and remember it well: destroying Morales was just a tune-up for Backlund. I will soon have that championship belt around my waist where it belongs. Bobby-boy Backlund will soon be relegated to the scrap heap of champions, of ex-champions, where he belongs.

"There is only one true champion, but the people have been brainwashed into believing that Backlund deserves the belt," continued Muraco. "As the Wiz says, soon now, very soon the world will realize just who the most deserving and proper champion is. Of course, that champion is me, and you will not have to wait very long to see me with that championship belt around my waist."

The smile of contentment never left Muraco's face as he exited the dressing room with Wizard. A smile not only of contentment, but of immeasurable confidence, a confidence bolstered by some inside information that, at this time, remains secret. No doubt it is also the cornerstone of Wizard and Muraco's notorious five-year plan.

Bob Backlund doesn't appear to be worried. Then again, neither are Wizard and Muraco. When "Magnificent" meets the champion, one thing is for sure: one wrestler will have proven his confidence to be nothing but an empty boast. Which wrestler that will eventually be, though, is still anybody's guess! □

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THE SAVAGE MATCH

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Defying all odds, Maud makes a miraculous comeback. Leda's hair-pull has little effect as Maud is determined to rip her head off her neck.

stood her ground, grabbing her opponent as she came hurtling forward. Leda used Maud's forward motion to flip her and send her crashing to the carpet.

Leda stunned the blonde instantly. She grabbed Maud's head and twisted mercilessly. Maud's lithe body shook convulsively from the pain. Leda learned her lessons well, punishing her foe with a headlock. At the same time, Leda's elbows dug into the unprotected flesh just below Maud's collarbone. The double agony was excruciating.

All of a sudden, a ferocious cry sprang from Maud. Still trapped in the headlock, she managed to get to her feet, carrying her foe. Leda's eyes grew wide with terror as the majestic blonde stumbled blindly toward the wall. Leda couldn't escape. Maud battered her hard into the wall. Leda released her grip and fell to the floor. Maud took two steps away, trying to shake off the pain in her neck and head.

Leda got to her feet slowly. By the look in her eyes, you could see her mind working, choosing maneuvers and strategies. She rushed at her foe and fell to her knees. In almost the same motion, she drove her shoulder into Maud's thigh. The victim stumbled backward, a red bruise appearing on the point of impact. Leda grabbed a leg and yanked up. Maud went sprawling on her back; the sound of the crash resounding throughout the room.

Leda then wrapped her long legs around Maud's middle, trapping her foe in an agonizing scissors-lock. Maud clawed at her foe's thigh and legs, as if to rip them off. Leda's body writhed from exertion and trying to tighten her hold. It looked as if this might be the match.

Then, arching her back at an almost inhuman angle, Maud reached back and raked her nails across the back of Leda's face. Stunned, the blonde released her hold. Though her hair hid most of the scratches from the spectators' sight, Leda knew her beauty had been disfigured. Maud had attacked the woman's most vulnerable point—her vanity.

Maud, free, was quick to take advantage. She fell on her foe, grabbing and tearing with an animal's ferocity. Leda struggled back, defending herself the best she could. The two women were a blur of whirling fists, fingers, feet, elbows, and knees. They tore and dug into each other with burning rage. It's amazing either survived.

The cruel battle had to end, and it finally did. As a result of the mindless twisting and gouging, Maud stood above her fallen foe. With sure ferocity, she grabbed Leda's hair and lifted the blonde's

head to about two feet off the ground. Then, with the speed of violence, she cracked her knee into the side of Leda's head. The blonde collapsed to the carpet.

The match might have ended there except Maud wanted to punish her foe rather than win. She strode to her fallen victim and attempted to crush her heel into the blonde's face. Leda, marshalling all her concentration and strength, grabbed Maud's leg and dug her teeth into her tormentor's ankle. In surprise and pain, Maud twisted her leg and fell to the carpet.

Maud's chokehold forces Leda to gasp for air. Her extensive training and some big bucks were being choked away.

Now both women were wrestling hurt. Leda was still dizzy from the blow to her head. Maud's leg was wrenched badly. The two women slowly crawled to each other. Each knew the match couldn't last much longer. They had the strength for perhaps one assault. If they overestimated their own strength, or underestimated their enemy's, they were surely doomed.

Leda made her move first. The weeks of training told her what she must do. With lightning speed, she drove her forearm toward Maud's face. She would blur her foe's senses and go in for the kill. Instead, her aim was short and she tumbled forward into Maud's waiting arms.

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THE SAVAGE MATCH

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From this agonizing entanglement, only one would survive. Unfortunately for the financial followers of Maxie, it would not be Leda. The scandal behind this particular match is still being unfolded, but one thing is for certain: the reputation of the sport of apartment wrestling escaped unscathed.

For an instant, Maud was too surprised by events to do anything about it. Then, she squeezed Leda tightly and doubled her over. Leda's pain was excruciating. Still the blonde refused to surrender. With smothering cruelty, Maud writhed back and forth, grinding her foe backwards, and wrenching the blonde's spine beyond human endurance. Leda refused to cry out. Instead, desperately, she sank her teeth into the small of Maud's neck.

Maud screeched in agony. Still, she continued her grinding. It was a sight of the most grotesque proportions. There were these two women, locked in this horrible embrace, one suffering intense pain as the other wailed from agony. Maud's cries became rhythmic with the grinding, appearing as if this was some hideous dance these two were forced to endure.

Finally, when she could no longer stand it, Leda's mouth flew open and a terrible howl rushed from her body. It was the only sound she could make. Instinctively, everyone knew it was a cry of surrender.

The match was over. All over the country, men soon knew about the outcome. Those who bet against Maxie were paid promptly. It seems the other men didn't have enough money to back their bets. Soon, the whole story was revealed—the secret training, the doctored odds, the entire scheme. Though the whole episode was outside the law and therefore the men couldn't be punished, their careers as professional gamblers were over.

As for Maxie, he can't wait to do it again. He had a wonderful time. And all he lost was money. ☐

The Andersons

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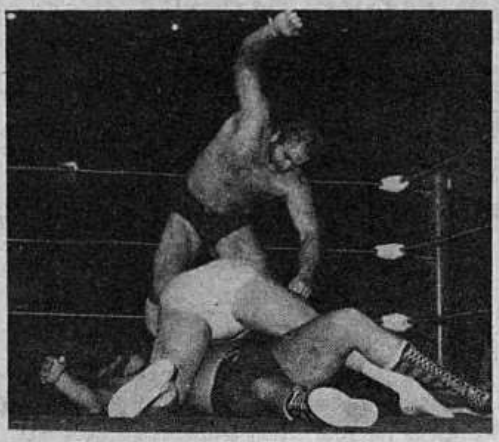
ever forget it."

Ole Anderson continued where his brother Gene left off.

"Of course, we don't hide the fact that we cheat," he said. "We want our opponents to know it, we want them to know what they're going to be up against in the ring, we want them to come into the ring prepared. Then, and only then, after they've prepared themselves the best possible way they can, we'll show them what total and absolute defeat and humiliation is all about."

What did Jay Youngblood, recent victim of the Andersons' twin terror, have to say about their tactics?



Ole prevents Tim Woods from pinning Gene in 1976. Nothing has changed.

"I don't know, I just don't know," he said. "Of course, it's a horrible and despicable thing that these two brothers are engaged in. But what can be done about it is another question altogether. I know for a fact that something *should* be done, and done as soon as possible.

"Perhaps it will require some sort of a coalition against the Andersons. Maybe some of us wrestlers who have respect for the sport will be able to unify and give the Andersons a taste of their own medicine. One thing is for sure, though, something will have to be done—and soon."

In the meantime, though, the reign of terror of Gene and Ole Anderson continues. And no one knows when or where their path of destruction will come to an end. □

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Think how many secrets must be hidden all around you! Things your spouse won't tell . . . your neighbors won't say . . . your boss keeps quiet about . . . ALL BROUGHT INTO THE OPEN JUST FOR YOU!! They'll tell you all their secrets, but they won't know why.

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MORE AMAZING CASE HISTORIES!

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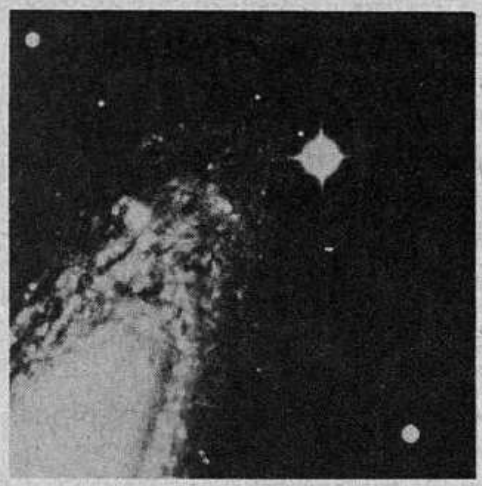

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Sincerely yours,

Scott Reed

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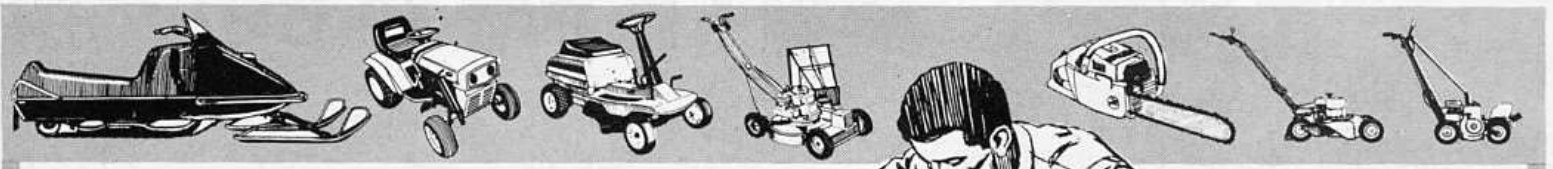

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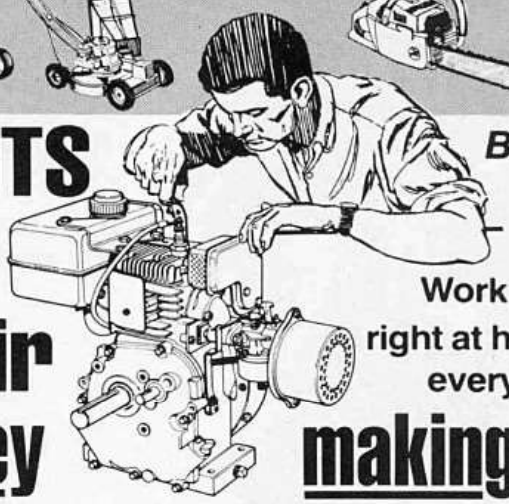

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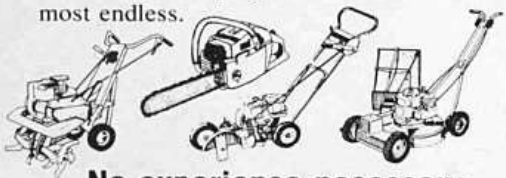

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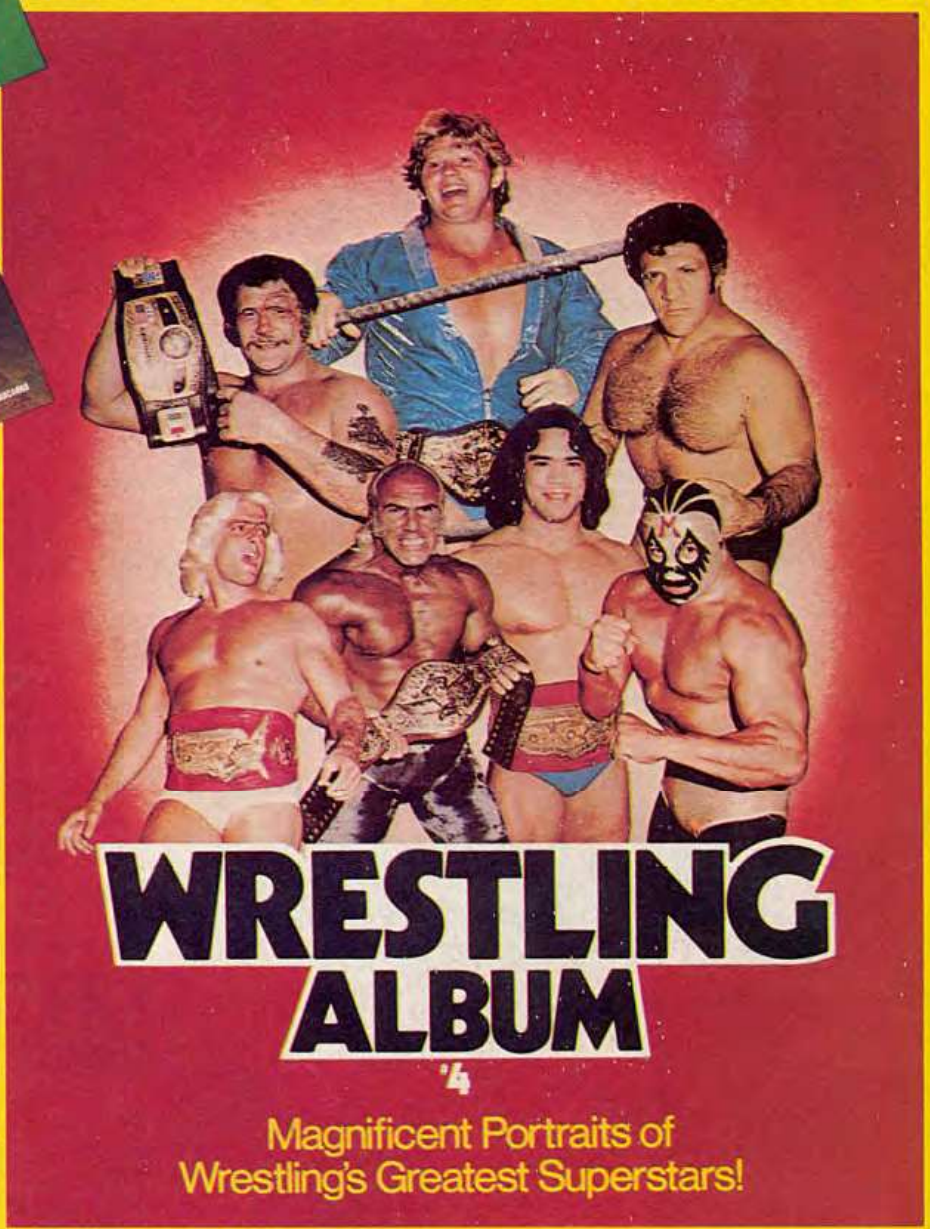

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